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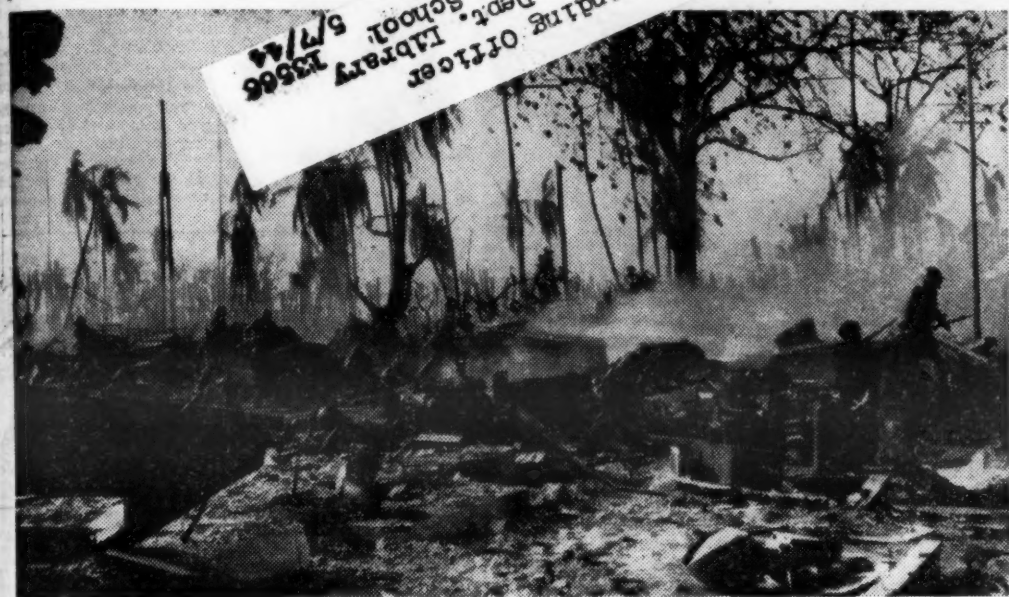
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AN INFANTRY ASSAULT force of the Army is seen here encircling and destroying a Japanese pillbox during the attack that captured Kwajalein Island from the enemy.

—Signal Corps Photo.

Congress to Study 'Fight Pay' Proposal

WASHINGTON—Congress will be asked to provide "fight pay" for soldiers in combat.

Suggestion that 50 per cent additional pay be given to men in combat was made in a dispatch from Italy last week by columnist and war correspondent Ernie Pyle.

Bill to Be Introduced

Representative Weiss of Pennsylvania said that he will introduce a bill into the House along the lines suggested by Ernie. He gave the columnist full credit for the idea.

Representative Weiss talked with Army officials before deciding to introduce his bill and he said he found them favorable. The Weiss bill would establish "fight pay" for the ground services at 50 per cent of base pay—the same ratio given flyers—and would make it available to Army, Navy, Coast Guard, geodetic and public health personnel serving under combat conditions.

Mr. Weiss estimated the cost of the bill at \$600 million a year, under present scale of operations. "If we are spending \$300 billion for the war another billion to stimulate our fighting men and to give them recognition certainly would be well spent," he said.

No Raise for Tommies

In the meantime, the British Parliament turned down a proposal to raise the pay of Tommies to the same scale as that of American soldiers. British soldiers now receive the equivalent of \$21 a month.

The Australian parliament is considering asking the United States to withhold some of the pay of the Americans stationed down under. The Australians say that they are afraid that inflation will result if the Yanks continue to spend so much money in their country. Aussie soldiers, who have seen flush Americans snatch their girls, would probably be in hearty accord with the suggestion.

Ernie Pyle's dispatch in which he

advocates combat pay follows:

"IN ITALY (By Wireless)—In my usual role of running other people's business, I've been thrashing around with an idea—honest. It's to give the combat soldier some little form of recognition more than he is getting now.

Airmen Cited

"Everybody who serves overseas, no matter where or what he's doing, gets extra pay. Enlisted men get 20 per cent additional and officers 10 per cent.

"Airmen get an extra 50 per cent above this for flight pay. As a result, officer-flyers get 60 per cent above their normal base pay and enlisted flyers such as gunners and radio operators, get 70 per cent.

"All that is fine and as it should be, but the idea I was toying with is why not give your genuine combat ground soldier something corresponding to flight pay? Maybe a good phrase for it would be "fight pay."

"Of any one million men overseas probably not more than 100,000 are in actual combat with the enemy. But as it is now, there is no

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Army Casualties Total 121,458

WASHINGTON—Army casualties through February 23, totaled 121,458. Secretary of War Stimson announced this week. Of this number, 20,592 have been killed, 47,318 wounded, 26,326 are missing, and 27,222 are prisoners of war.

Of the wounded more than half, or 25,291, have returned to duty or have been released from hospitals, Mr. Stimson said.

The enemy has reported that 1673 American prisoners have died of diseases, mostly in Japanese prison camps. The actual number must be much larger, Mr. Stimson added.

More than one and one-half million troops and other passengers were transported overseas. 3,850,000 patients were given medical care in Army hospitals. 1,800,000 radio messages were handled to overseas destinations. \$81,000,000 worth of business was done by Army Post Exchanges. 1,350,000 religious services were conducted in posts, camps and stations and in overseas theaters of operation. 17,500 pieces of real estate were under lease for which the annual rental was \$53,000,000. 500,000 Civil Service employees were classified and 100,000 supervisors trained in job construction.

Senate Receives 71 Nominations To Raise Generals

WASHINGTON—The White House announced last week that the Senate had received from the President recommendations that four officers of the Army be given temporary promotions to the rank of lieutenant general; 24 to major general, and 43 to brigadier general.

The list of officers follows:

TO BE LIEUTENANT GENERALS
Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges, Maj. Gen. Richard K. Sutherland, Maj. Gen. Raymond A. Wheeler, Maj. Gen. John C. H. Lee.

TO BE MAJOR GENERALS

Brig. Gen. Charles L. Mullins, Brig. Gen. Paul R. Hawley, Maj. Gen. Edmund B. Gregory, Brig. Gen. Junius W. Jones, Brig. Gen. Edmond H. Leavey, Brig. Gen. Hugh J. Knerr, Brig. Gen. Charles C. Chauncey, Brig. Gen. Leslie R. Groves, Brig. Gen. Laurence S. Kuter.

Brig. Gen. William M. Goodman, Brig. Gen. Howard A. Craig, Brig. Gen. David G. Barr, Maj. Gen. Howard K. Loughry, Brig. Gen. James M. Bevans, Brig. Gen. Curtis E. Le May, Brig. Gen. Robert B. McClure, Brig. Gen. Bennett E. Myers, Brig. Gen. George C. Dunham.

Brig. Gen. Roderick R. Allen, Brig. Gen. Cecil R. Moore, Brig. Gen. George J. Richards, Brig. Gen. Robert W. Harper, Brig. Gen. Daniel Noce, Brig. Gen. Hugh J. Casey.

TO BE BRIGADIER GENERALS

Col. Whitfield P. Shepard, Inf.; Col. Everett E. Brown, Inf.; Col. Joseph J. Twitty, CE; Col. Russell A. Wilson, AC; Col. George C. McDonald, AC; Col. Royal B. Lord, CE; Col. Jesse Auton, AC; Col. Morris W. Gilland, CE; Col. Charles O. Thrasher, QM; Col. Murray C. Woodbury, AC; Col. Ewart C. Plank, CE; Col. Joseph F. Battley, CWS; Col. Charles Y. Banfill, AC; Col. Donald R. Goodrich, AC; Col. Edward W. Anderson, AC; Col. Clarence L. Burpee, AUS; Col. Ray H. Clark, AC; Col. Theodore M. Osborne, CE.

Col. Albert D. Smith, AC; Col. Isaac W. Ott, AC; Col. Frank O. Bowman, CE; Col. Arthur Thomas, AC; Col. Fremont B. Hodson, Inf.; Col. Stanhope Bayne-Jones, MC-Res.; Col. Bartlett Beaman, AC-Res.; Col. William H. Hobson, Inf.; Col. Francis H. Griswold, AC; Col. Charles P. Cabell, AC.

Col. Edward M. Powers, AC; Col. Thomas E. Roderick, Inf.; Col. Condon C. McCornack, MC; Col. Harry B. Vaughan, CE; Col. Norris B. Harbold, AC; Col. Joseph P. Sullivan, QM; Col. Duncan G. Richart, Cav.; Col. Lewis A. Pick, CE; Col. August W. Kissner, AC.

Col. Emmett O'Donnell Jr., AC; Col. Terence J. Tully, SC; Col. Aubrey L. Moore, AC; Col. Arthur J. McChrystal, AGD; Col. John F. Egan, AC; Col. Robert D. Knapp, AC.

Mrs. Roosevelt Tours Caribbean

MIAMI, Fla.—Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt left Miami this week for a tour of the Caribbean area. Her trip will be for purposes similar to those which took her to Australia and South Sea centers a few months ago.

AAF Bombers Strike Nazi Capital in First Daylight Offensives

WASHINGTON—Striking for the first time in daylight American Air Forces bombers have pounded Berlin in a series of destructive attacks.

Beginning with a reconnaissance raid on Friday enormous forces of fighter-protected bombers have dropped tons of demolition and incendiary bombs on the German capitol. Three great air offensives hammered Berlin on Saturday, Monday and Wednesday.

The loss of approximately 200 planes was light in comparison with the tremendous forces which smashed the Nazi city. Defending German planes were knocked down at a better than two to one ratio by the attacking bombers and fighter planes.

Futile Attacks on Beachheads

After a series of futile punches at the Allied positions on the beachheads south of Rome the Germans have been content to wait for new developments. Their attacks, made with every form of equipment and weapon they could muster, and with utter disregard for lives, have been futile. During the week the Allied armies have improved their positions somewhat in proving that they are more than a match for select Axis troops.

Germans lost 24,000, killed, wounded or captured in the Anzio area. Many of these were from the crack Herman Goering division, which was brought in in an attempt to turn the tide. Allied artillery has taken a particularly heavy toll of the attackers.

Russian Progress in the South

The Russians have developed another encircling movement at the Southern end of their line. With the cutting of the Odessa-Luow railway line they have destroyed the last Nazi rail outlet in that area and are closing in on the considerable forces there. The Germans have suffered enormous losses in both men and material in attempting to stem the strategic advance. Dispatches note that one Red formation alone killed 4,000 officers and men in one day.

Finland, eager for peace, has formally replied to terms submitted by

Russia with a "cautious note," which Swedish dispatches said contained reservations, but which was designed to make definite negotiations possible.

Nimitz Sums Up

Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, commander in chief of the Pacific fleet, who has been in Washington this week, gave a picture of conditions in the Pacific when he said "Our battleships are eager to meet the Japanese in a grand action but the enemy continues cautious in risking." (See WAR, Page 16)

Fears Plans For Hospitalization Are Inadequate

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—Calling upon all patriotic citizens to support a demand in Congress for early action on the creation of adequate veteran hospital facilities, Commander-in-Chief Carl J. Schoeninger, of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, declared this week that a bill has already been introduced in the House of Representatives, under the sponsorship of that organization, requesting an appropriation of \$500,000,000 for hospital construction needs.

Government officials have announced that present hospital construction plans contemplate a post-war need of 300,000 beds. The veterans' organization believes this estimate is much too conservative.

"We believe that the percentage of disabilities in this war will be greater than it was in the last," the VFW leader explained, "because the modern machines of warfare are already responsible for a high percentage of victims suffering from mental shock. We fear the lack of sufficient beds in government hospitals will pave the way for restriction of hospital privileges to only those men who can furnish absolute legal proof of service-connection. We know from experience that this provision is cruelly unfair to countless thousands of veterans whose service records are incomplete through no fault of their own."

Bonus Bill Would Pay Veterans Up to \$5000

WASHINGTON—Congress this week was offered a bonus plan providing benefits as high as \$5,000 for overseas service. Proposed by five of the six major veterans' organizations, it was introduced into both the House and Senate in identical bills.

The proposed bonus would pay each veteran \$3 a day for service in the continental U. S., with a minimum of \$100 and a maximum of \$3,500. For each day of overseas service a veteran would receive \$4, with a minimum of \$500 and a maximum of \$4,500. An extra \$500 would be allowed for those wounded.

Paid in Bonds

All compensation above \$300 would be in the form of non-negotiable tax-free Government bonds. Bond holders could withdraw not more than one-fifth of the face value of their bonds each year. The bonds would bear simple 3 per cent interest for the first five years and compound interest of 3 per cent for five additional years.

How much the bonus would cost is still unknown, because that depends on the length of the war and extent of our operations. But it is estimated at between \$10 and \$30 billion. One Congressman said that it would be "less than the cost of four months of actual war expenditures during 1944."

"The purpose of the bill is to ad-

just, in a measure, the difference between the pay of those serving in the armed forces and civilians employed in war industry," said a joint statement by the veterans' groups.

However, the bonus bill got off to a rough start when it was sent to the Finance Committee in the Senate. There it will automatically be referred to a subcommittee headed by Senator Clark (D., Mo.), one of the founders of the American Legion.

Legion's View

Until now it has been the American Legion's contention that the bonus question should be delayed until after the war, when the veterans themselves can decide whether or not they want adjusted compensation and how much.

The Senate Finance Committee is now studying the American Legion's "GI Bill of Rights," which has provisions for mustering-out pay, educational training, re-employment aid, unemployment insurance and loans for purchases of homes and farms, but defers the bonus question.

The Legion has announced that it will begin March 15 a nation-wide drive to obtain signatures indorsing its "Bill of Rights." Legion members will conduct a door-to-door campaign.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Army and Navy Union, Disabled American Veterans, the Military Order of the Purple Heart and the Regular Veterans' Association, sponsors of the bonus bill, disagree with the Legion. They point out that a million men have already been discharged and claim they should be paid adjusted compensation now.

Copies of the Army Times are made available to all Army hospitals through the American Red Cross.

ASF Celebrates Second Birthday; Reviews Work

WASHINGTON—Thursday, March 9, marked the second anniversary of the establishment of the Army Service Forces.

During the past year ASF compiled many staggering totals in its mission to supply and service the nation's fighting men scattered across the face of the globe, the War Department announced. A brief resume of statistics reveals the following outstanding facts:

\$1,476,000,000 was paid out in cash by ASF in more than three million family allowance accounts.

746,000,000 pieces of mail and 2,200,000 sacks of parcels were sent overseas.

More than 25,000,000 tons of supplies and equipment were shipped

Proves Itself In Action

'Goon-Gun'—4.2 Mortar Is New American Weapon

WASHINGTON—It has the general appearance of a stovepipe supported by a T-square—but it packs the punch of light artillery and can lob a score of 24-pound projectiles as far as two and a half miles in 60 seconds, with deadly effect. It is officially designated the 4.2 mortar, but to the troops who use it, it is the "goon gun."

The weapon made its battle debut on July 10, 1943, when it was employed as a smoke and high explosive projector to support the initial assault on Sicily, the War Department announced this week in revealing hitherto restricted information about the 4.2 mortar. Since then, it has earned the admiration of American forces and the fear of the enemy on European and Pacific war fronts.

Speedy Firing

Trained crews operating the 4.2 mortar, unique among mortar weapons in that it has a rifled barrel, have gotten six shells in the air before the first landed, evidence of the speed with which it can be fired. Proof of its accuracy was given by one mortar unit on the Fifth Army front in Italy which dropped a round from a "goon gun" into the open turret of a German tank.

Operated by Chemical Warfare Service personnel, the mortar was originally developed by CWS in 1924, and has emerged in the war as an effective support weapon for Army Ground Force troops.

In Sicily, it blasted concrete pillboxes, fortified houses, infantry concentrations, tanks, half-tracks, machine gun nests and artillery positions. In Italy, a "goon gun" company engaged a battery of German 88-mm. guns, destroying the enemy battery with only 12 rounds, although the German 88 outweighs the 4.2 mortar 30 times, and has a range four times as great. Another company, fighting in Italy, knocked out two Mark VI Tiger tanks and four German half-tracks in 36 hours of fierce fighting in one sector. During the same period, the mortars were largely instrumental in repulsing three Nazi infantry attacks, the last breaking under their fire at 800 yards.

In the Solomon Islands campaign, a 4.2 mortar battalion used the guns with such effectiveness in driving Japanese soldiers from their dugouts that prisoners admitted these guns were their undoing.

Lays Smoke Screens

The mortar is extensively used to lay smoke screens. Concentrations of white phosphorous shells fired from them spread flaming particles of phosphorous which uproot the enemy from underground positions and react with the air to form clouds of non-toxic artificial fog. These cloud walls cover infantry assaults, blind

enemy armored formations, and screen amphibious operations.

In the Sicilian operations a mortar unit maintained a 1,000-yard smoke screen for 14 consecutive hours, lifting it intermittently to permit attacks by Allied warplanes against enemy positions. The Volturno River crossing in Italy also was screened by a smoke wall built up by the versatile weapons, and in another operation on the Italian front a divisional advance along a two-mile front was shielded by a smoke barrage which they laid down.

In action, a 4.2 mortar shell is dropped into the muzzle. It strikes a firing pin at the base of the barrel which fires it. The propellant consists of powder rings strung, doughnut-fashion, over a shotgun cartridge set in the base of the shell. A pressure disk on the shell expands from the force of the exploding gases, and engages the rifling of the barrel, imparting rotation of the missile for greater accuracy.

Easily Moved

Of principal importance in the kind of mountain and jungle warfare that American troops have been waging is the mobility of the "goon gun." Its total weight is less than 300 pounds, and its barrel baseplate and standard can be separated for greater ease of handling. Dismantled, it can be carried by its own crew over terrain where heavier artillery cannot be taken. Intact, it is easily hauled behind a jeep, or carried on trucks and handcars.

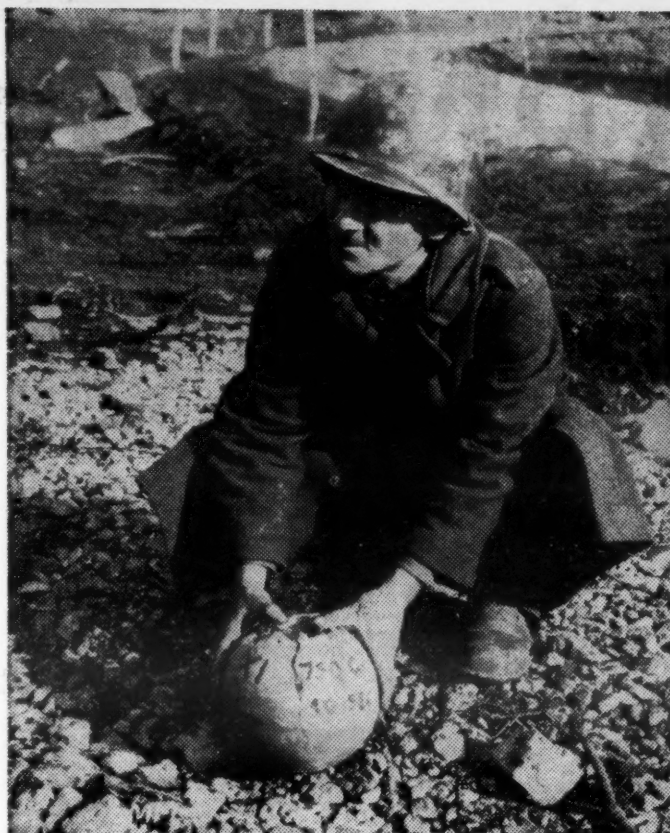
The 4.2 mortar has proved particularly valuable in supporting Army Ranger operations. In beachhead landings since Sicily, the guns have gone ashore with the first waves of troops, furnishing immediate and highly mobile support against tanks and enemy counterattacks before it was possible to land and install heavy field pieces.

Superstitious? No, But . . .

WASHINGTON—Pvt. John T. Mullen isn't superstitious, but . . . From Bed No. 13 at Walter Reed Hospital, he tells about being assigned to Barrack 13 at Camp Blanding, Fla., where he received basic training; traveling overseas on a transport making its 13th crossing, and landing at Oran on Nov. 13.

Private Mullen, who wears the Purple Heart, was wounded during the assault on Salerno while with a platoon of the 36th Infantry Division. He had given first aid to two men who had been felled by enemy fire after wiping out two machine-gun nests and a German 88 mm. battery, and then was injured when the party was surprised by four German tanks, the War Department related this week.

As though that weren't enough, the ship carrying him to a hospital in Africa was subjected to a heavy aerial bombardment. The vessel escaped damage, however, which is why he isn't superstitious.



THE ROUND OBJECT is a German concrete "bowling ball," which was rolled down hill against advancing Allied troops by the Nazis. It is being displayed here by Edward Gazler, Michigan City, Ind. —Signal Corps Photo.

35 Yank PWs Return Home

WASHINGTON—Thirty-five Army officers and men who have been prisoners of war in Germany are among passengers aboard the exchange ship Gripsholm, which sailed from Lisbon this week, the War Department announced.

Provision has been made to remove the repatriated Army personnel, on arrival, directly to Halloran General Hospital, Staten Island, New York. Next of kin of the officers and men being returned have been notified.

The men are:
2nd Lt. Ragnar Barhaug, AC, Casper, Wyo.
1st Lt. Robert C. Barton, AC, Hooks, Tex.
2nd Lt. Leonard D. Baxter, AC, Walton, N. Y.
Pvt. Robert F. Benson, Inf., Brooklyn, N. Y.
1st Lt. Arthur A. Bushnell, AC, Langhorne, Pa.
Pvt. Emanuel A. Capelli, Inf., New York, P. I.
Pvt. James E. Carpenter, Inf., Jewett, Tex.
Pfc. John F. Connelly, Inf., Perth Amboy, N. J.
Pvt. Richard L. Currier, Inf., Cleveland, O.
2nd Lt. Marshall R. Davenport, Inf., Somerset, Ky.
2nd Lt. Earl J. Dumont, Hollywood, Calif.
2nd Lt. Joseph H. F. Ferry, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Sgt. Philip E. Guter, Cav., Maplewood, N. J.
1st Lt. Milton E. Harness, Sulphur Springs, Tex.
Sgt. George Heski, AC, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Pfc. Joseph I. Hunter, Inf., Brooklyn, N. Y.
1st Lt. Albert G. Irish, AC, Glendale, Calif.
2nd Lt. Robert M. Janson, AC, Bergenfield, N. J.
2nd Lt. Edward F. Jobb, AC, Baker, Ore.
2nd Lt. Robert J. Jones, AC, Wichita, Kan.
1st Lt. Edmond Kennedy, AC, Cambridge, Mass.
2nd Lt. Raymond A. Mailloux, AC, Woonsocket, R. I.
1st Lt. Donald M. Marshall, AC, Bath, Me.
2nd Lt. Louis S. Means, AC, Spokane, P. I.
Pvt. William H. Morgan, Inf., College Park, Ga.
2nd Lt. John M. Pearson, AC, Hamburg, N. Y.
2nd Lt. Russell O. Philpit, AC, Sandusky, Mich.
Maj. Robert F. Post, AC, Jamestown, N. Y.
2nd Lt. James H. Quenin, AC, Fort Smith, Ark.
1st Lt. James J. Segars, Inf., Buford, Ga.
S/Sgt. Eugene J. Shadick, AC, Pearson, Wis.
Cpl. Glenn M. Stroud, FA, Seven Springs, N. C.
Pvt. Norvin H. Wagner, Inf., Buckley, Ill.
Pvt. Riddick L. Willoughby, Inf., Norfolk, Va.
2nd Lt. Robert H. Young, AC, Wooster, O.

Army Paintings Shown

WASHINGTON—An exhibition of paintings and drawings made by American artists at Army bases throughout the world now is on view at the National Gallery of Art here in Washington and will be continued until March 19.

Vets of War I Return To U. S. on Gripsholm

LISBON—When the Swedish exchange liner Gripsholm set sail for the United States this week it carried many Americans who were sad at leaving Europe.

Among them are several dozen World War I veterans who stayed in France following the war, married and raised families. They wished to stay near their families, even though in hated internment camps. Failing that, they wanted to stay in Portugal so they could rush quickly back to their families when the war is over, but permission was refused.

Indian War Whoop Resounds in Italy

WASHINGTON — Indian war whoops went out of style years ago, but they resounded again and aided the Infantry to take a vital hill on the Italian front, the War Department said this week.

A company of the 45th Infantry Division was unable to advance because of firmly entrenched Germans on a rocky hill to their front. Artillery fire was ineffective. Cpl. Earvin J. Craddock and three other infantrymen moved forward through machine gun and artillery fire to a point where they could assault the German position.

Screaming war whoops they had learned in their native Oklahoma the four doughboys leaped to their feet and charged. Three enemy machine gun crew members were killed, others were wounded, and the enemy abandoned the position. Craddock's company took and consolidated the important height.

Membership Limited

CAMP BLANDING, Fla.—Infantry Replacement Training Center trainees of the 214th Battalion have formed a limited-membership "360 Club"—members must be from Ohio, get three "gigs" in inspection, and three bawlings-out from a non-com.

Sergeant Killed 20 Japs, Gets Service Cross

CAMP WHITE, Ore.—Ten thousand soldiers of the 96th Division saluted Sgt. Fred Barnett, of Hammond, Ind., the hero of the one-man attack at Battu last June, when he received the Distinguished Service Cross.

Barnett was a private in a unit trapped by Jap snipers and two machine-gun emplacements. He filled his pockets with grenades, fired his rifle and started for the enemy positions. Dashing through heavy fire, he killed the snipers with grenades, closed in on one machine-gun position and annihilated the defenders.

Then, out of ammunition, he plunged toward the second position and bayoneted or beat to death every Jap in the trench. He was officially credited with killing 20. His platoon mates insist the number was 32.



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Servicemen Set Pace In Red Cross Drive

WASHINGTON—"Turn about's fair play," and the twelve million servicemen and women receiving the lion's share of Red Cross wartime services are proving themselves the best war fund solicitors that organization has ever had.

For instance, when Mr. Jones gets a letter from her son Johnny "somewhere in Italy" saying that he was darn near starved out of his foxhole until Red Cross Clubmobile girls turned up with hot coffee and doughnuts, she goes right down to the Red Cross Chapter and forks over \$5. A week later, she gets another letter from Johnny, this time saying that he had a swell time on his three-day pass: A bath and a good night's sleep at one of the Red Cross service clubs in the rear echelon, then a tour through the ruins of Pompeii (conducted by Red Cross workers), and a final blow which included a couple of movies and a vaudeville show "with girls" at the service club again. Mrs. Jones mails another check to the Red Cross.

Payments With Interest
Soldiers, sailors and marines don't stop with their unconscious advertising for the "World's Greatest Mother." They want to say "thank you" in person for everything the organization has done for them. One sailor, Jesse Boughman, stationed now at the San Diego Naval Training School, has settled his score by naming the Red Cross beneficiary on all the bonds he buys. The organization helped him out of a mighty tight place twenty-five years ago, and he hasn't forgot what it did for him then.

He had stopped on his way from Virginia to Ontario in a cheap Chicago rooming house, leaving all his possessions in his room while he stepped across the hall to take a bath. Returning, he found that he had been robbed of all his clothes and money, while an indignant landlady protested that "it couldn't have happened here."

On a borrowed nickel, young

Boughman phoned the Chicago Chapter of the Red Cross and explained his predicament. The Chapter provided him with new clothes, loaned him money for food and room, and even got him a job in a department store when he said he didn't like to wire his father for funds.

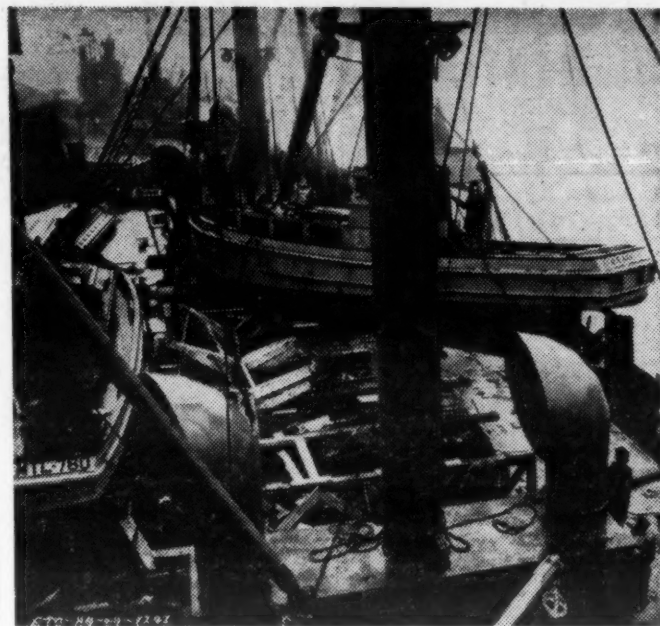
Though he kept this job for several years and paid back the entire loan, Boughman never felt he'd thanked the Red Cross adequately until he hit upon the idea of making it his beneficiary.

Just a few days ago, a purse containing \$800 was received by the Red Cross from buddies of Coast Guardsman Clifford Johnson, Sumner, Mo., as thanks for its services to him when he was badly burned in Boston's Coconut Grove fire in 1942. Besides providing immediate medical attention for the young guardsman, even now in the Brighton Marine Hospital, the Red Cross provided transportation to Boston and housing and maintenance there for his parents.

His buddies said their contributions were "just to show our appreciation for what you did."

Drop a Quarter in, Joe
In Manhattan, the current War Fund drive is doubling its 1943 return, largely, think committee chairmen, because of the contributions from servicemen spending their furloughs in New York. Red Cross coin boxes placed in railroad stations, department stores, night clubs, post offices and other places where men in uniform congregate are filled to overflowing.

"Last year 8,500 cans were used," said the "field workers" chairman. "This year we already have 15,000 cans in circulation. My workers say that the serviceman is the greatest single factor in filling them. Many workers report that a great number of soldiers and sailors will not pass a can without dropping in a coin."



ARMY UNLOADS a small tugboat from the deck of a freighter in England. These boats are manned by Army personnel for use in small harbors. —Signal Corps Photo.

Airborne Command Becomes Airborne Center at Mackall

CAMP MACKALL, N. C.—An administrative change redesignating the Airborne Command as the Airborne Center was announced here this week. Airborne activities will be centered at Camp Mackall, as in the past, but airborne troops at that station are placed under the XIII Corps for administration and supply. The principal function of the Airborne Center will be to conduct airborne training for airborne units. Camp Mackall derives its name from Pvt. John T. Mackall, an American paratrooper who died in North Africa.

It was announced by Lt. Gen. Lesley J. McNair, commanding general of the Army Ground Forces, that airborne units will be assigned to armies and corps in the future to facilitate administration and supply, and to relieve the Airborne Center

of all responsibilities other than training. They will be returned to the commander of the Airborne Center for airborne training. This change in procedure follows closely those initiated for the Armored Command at Fort Knox, Ky., which has been redesignated as the Armored Center, and for the Tank Destroyer Center at Camp Hood, Tex.

The Parachute School at Fort Benning, Ga., where men receive their initial training in parachute jumping, has been placed under the Replacement and School Command at Birmingham, Ala. Replacement and School Command supervises replacement training centers and schools under the Army Ground Forces with the exception of those operating under the Anti-aircraft Command, Richmond, Va.

Col. Josiah T. Dalbey, who recently assumed command of the Airborne Command, will remain in command of the Airborne Center. He succeeded Brig. Gen. Leo Donovan who is now assigned to headquarters, Army Ground Forces.

They'll Be Prepared

CAMP BLANDING, Fla.—It may be a hint of coming events, but men of the 63rd Infantry Training Regiment are being given a weekly course in German, taken on a voluntary basis in addition to regular training duties in their off hours.

Plans to Govern Countries In Europe Well Under Way

LONDON—Allied plans for post-invasion government of Norway, the Netherlands and Belgium have been approved by the governments-in-exile of those countries, it was recently announced, while General de Gaulle's scheme for ruling re-occupied France awaits Washington's O. K.

Under the agreements reached with Belgium, the Netherlands and Norway Allied Military Government officers will go in with the invasion troops and take charge of an operations area immediately behind the front. They will be assisted by Belgian, Dutch and Norwegian officers who have been trained in AMG schools.

When an area is far enough behind the front to be in no danger of becoming a battle zone it will be handed over to the country's military government, and will be governed by its own military who will be responsible to the Allied command to see that the area remains peaceful and efficiently administered.

The Dutch and Norwegians have military government organizations ready to take over these arrangements. Because of a shortage of man power the Belgians have had to depend more on the help of British and American officers.

When a country is freed entirely and becomes inoperational military control will be passed directly to the civilian government.

French Plan Held Up
General de Gaulle's plan is presumed to be similar, though the French lack trained officers and want to move in directly with a civilian organization, equipped to execute purges. An Allied objection to this is that it might arouse the populace behind the front and make the military position dangerous. The French position is complicated from the fact that the de Gaulle regime has never been given full recognition as a government. This point, it is believed, is the factor holding up President Roosevelt's approval of the French agreement.

Self-Disciplined Armies Win Battles, Eisenhower

LONDON—Stressing that "only a self-disciplined army can win battles," Gen. Dwight Eisenhower told American forces last week that its chances of returning home safely and speedily were directly affected by its rapidly becoming known as a first-class, disciplined fighting organization.

He said that "every enlisted man and enlisted WAC or civilian employee understands the right of legitimate appeal from what may be considered capricious or arbitrary punishment," and asked his army to be careful of such things as its use of motor transportation, drinking publicly and excessively, use of profane language in public, slovenly appearance, and discourtesies of any kind to British civilians.

He concluded by asking the help of all in keeping a very small minority from damaging the good name of the American Army in the United Kingdom.

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Stillwell Sets Up 2nd Officer School

WASHINGTON — The Chungking radio reported this week that the headquarters of Lt. Gen. Joseph W. Stillwell had announced the establishment of a second school in China to train officers for the Chinese army under the tutelage of United States Army officers.

The new school will be located in Kwangsi Province and will specialize in training infantry officers, said Chungking. Administration of the school will be controlled by the Chinese army.

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Statesmen Are Needed!

A \$30,000,000,000 bonus bill for World War II veterans, drafted by five veteran organizations, has been introduced in both branches of Congress. (See story on page 1.)

The bill would credit service men and women with \$3 a day for home service up to a maximum of \$3500, and \$4 a day for overseas service up to \$4500, with an extra \$500 credit for the wounded. All payments above \$300 would be in the form of non-negotiable, tax-free Government bonds, not more than one-third of which could be cashed in the first five years. The bonds would bear 3 per cent simple interest for those five years and 3 per cent compound interest for the next five.

It is the most generous of all veteran proposals, and is worthy of the fullest consideration. If designed as strictly a bonus the plan has much merit—although it is impossible to place a dollars and cents valuation on the sacrifices made by those in the armed forces.

If it is designed as a post-war stop-gap, or as a substitute for jobs, careers and a chance to get into business every soldier should realize its implications.

Thirty billion dollars is a great deal of money even when judged by wartime spending standards, and even though it represents the cost of only four months of the war.

Under the present rate of taxation, which falls far short of pay-as-you-go, the national debt is growing daily. This national debt is going to be paid off and it will be necessary for you, the fighting men and women, to not only win but help pay for the war.

More serious from a veteran's viewpoint is the possibility that political and industrial leaders may assume that with the paying of a large bonus their responsibility to the veteran is ended. In the case of the disabled veteran this would be particularly cruel. In a world which judges a man by what he can do, not what he did, the disabled veteran already is handicapped. If the responsibility of the nation ends with this bonus, what happens to the disabled veteran after the money is gone?

Congress in considering this bonus proposal would do well to consider it as a part of a coordinated program including loans to buy farms and businesses, providing means of giving vocational and educational courses, unemployment compensation, adequate hospitalization and medical care, and setting up local organizations to assist the battle-weary veteran in making his readjustment period as simple as possible.

Legislative and administrative branches of the government are faced by a grave responsibility. Plans for veterans' aid should be completed now. After the war will be too late. In this year every move that is made will be given political significance. The job calls for statesmen, not politicians. We've had more than enough politics in the soldier vote bill to last a lifetime.

Soldier Vote Bill Was Bungled

There is nothing good we can say about the compromise soldier vote bill. It is a complicated device designed to shift the responsibility from the shoulders of election-conscious Congressional members to the states.

It does not represent an honest effort to provide all citizens of voting age in the armed forces a chance to vote. Although the subject of Negro voters has been "hush-hush" in the debate there is no doubt that the coalition of Southern Democrats had that one factor in mind in fighting the federal vote bill. Representative Rankin of Mississippi said: "We got what we wanted." What he implied was that Southern States need not worry about having the Negro soldiers vote in this election.

The Republicans, on the other hand, are worried for fear Commander-in-Chief Roosevelt will be synonymous with Candidate Roosevelt and get most of the soldier votes. They want to make it so complicated that few soldiers will be able to vote.

Already the nation is getting a taste of what the states' rights argument was all about. The New York State legislature started the ball rolling for the 48 states by immediately reshaping all of the political arguments which have been heard on Capitol Hill since before Christmas.

The entire Soldier Vote bill has been a bungled job. Congress intends to place the responsibility on the states. The states will probably place the responsibility on the soldier voters. The soldiers can clearly see that they are being given the run-around, but they won't find it easy to pin the responsibility on those to whom it belongs and act accordingly.

Gen. Mayberry Becomes Asst. Commander of 99th

CAMP MAXEY, Tex.—Brig. Gen. Hugh T. Mayberry arrived at this post last week to assume new duties as assistant commander of the 99th division.

General Mayberry served overseas in World War I with the 50th Infantry and in the army of occupation, following the armistice. He has attended the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kans., and also the Chemical Warfare School and the Army Industrial College. During the present war, he organized and was commander of the Tank Destroyer School at Camp Hood, Tex.

Muddy Shoes Are Emily Post at Dance

CAMP BRECKINRIDGE, Ky.—Soldiers just in from a field problem, still wearing muddy GI shoes and fatigue clothing, were guests of honor Wednesday night at a unique dance in Service Club No. 2. Hostesses were Camp Breckinridge WACs and civilian cadettes from Evansville, Ind., clad in gingham dresses, bobby socks and hair ribbons.

Arranged by Miss Helen Frantz, Service Club senior hostess, the affair provided soldiers a contrast to formal and semi-formal dances.

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WHY I FIGHT

Wins Prize for Essay

Winner of an enlisted men's essay contest on "Why I Fight," conducted by the 91st Infantry Division orientation office at Camp Adair, Ore., was T/5 Bernard H. Smith, whose prize winner is printed below. There were 162 entries in the contest. Bonds and stamps were prizes.

The people of the United States are the government. Therefore I, who am one of the people, am a part of the government of my country. When the property or the people or the honor of my country is imperiled, it is my property or myself or my honor which is imperiled, as well as if my house or my person were attacked or endangered. That which affects my government and my country affects me also, for I am a part of them. If my country prospers, then I prosper. If my country is bound in miseries, then likewise I am bound in miseries.

So it is in a larger sense with all of the free peoples of the Earth, held together by a bond more lasting than any written laws and enforced by a will far stronger than any physical might. This is the bond of understanding between people who possess an inherent desire for the common peace, for an utter absence of fear for any man or any group of men, a desire for the simple occupation of pursuing the course of life in freedom and equality.

If a free people of any race or creed or color on this Earth be im-

periled as to property, person or honor, it is logical that I consider the peril as great to my property, person and honor as it is to the danger. For I am a free man and the rights of all free men must be respected and protected over the Earth. If I allow them to be disregarded in Europe or in Asia, I may expect them to be disregarded in my neighborhood.

This is why I fight: Those rights of freedom that belong to all men have been imperiled and endangered. Even as I prospered through them in peace, so must I share the responsibilities and the miseries that have come since they were attacked. In a smaller sense, the property and the people and the honor of my government have been attacked. Thus, since I am a part of that government, it is my property and my honor and my self that have been attacked.

If the danger to these rights and liberties is not at once removed and forever crushed, I will be forced to stand guard over them, and my family and my children after me; I will live in constant fear that the danger might overwhelm me. I will be enslaved to a routine of watchfulness and my self respect will amount to naught.

Living thus in a state of fear and slavery, I would not be free.

This is why I fight.

T/5 Bernard H. Smith
Service Co., 36th Inf. Regt.
91st Infantry Division

Letters to the Editor

Gentlemen:

Three loud huzzahs and Gung-Ho to Army Times for carrying on such a splendid fight for the soldier vote.

Isn't it strange that 10,000,000 men are willing to fight and die for democracy all over the world yet are indolent when it comes to raising their voices in favor of democracy in their own backyard?

Let me again say that Army Times does more to keep alive that spark of fighting spirit in our fighting men than all the propwash and exhaust gas that we get via newspapers and radio.

Keep on bombing!

Pvt. Mitchell S. Roberts,
Greensboro, N. C.

Gentlemen:

An error to which we would like to call your attention was noted in your article in the February 12 issue about the School for Medical Administrative Corps Officers here at Camp Barkeley.

The school is solely for officers, nearly every one of them being Medical Administrative Corps officers. A few, selected because of particular professional qualifications, are attending the school from other branches of the Army, but in no case is the course of instruction open to enlisted men.

A number of letters requesting information about the course have been received from enlisted men, however. We would greatly appreciate a correction in Army Times—so far

as we have been able to learn, there is no such course in existence for enlisted personnel.

Lt. G. D. Beveridge
Public Relations Branch
MRTC, Camp Barkeley, Tex.

Gentlemen:

May I add my cry of lament for the plight of us unfortunates in the upperage brackets. I am past 37. Is not the "high command" aware that we are considered non-assets, if not liabilities, by our CO's, due in great extent to the fact that military stupidity places us in such branches of service as "Engineer Combat Battalions," expecting us to compete in feats of endurance with young "kids," hardly more than juveniles, placing us under the absolute authority of inexperienced inconsiderate adolescents, who have no conception of the physical limitations of the mature adult, compelling us to endure insults, indignities and abuse incredible at the whim of some insolent, egotistical young pup, who deserves nothing so much as to be taken across his mother's knee, having the proverbial hair brush applied, urgently but firmly. The most menial duties are ours, the hard, unpleasant, distasteful miserable tasks.

If the Army needs us, well and good, I am not only willing, but eager to serve. But why can't the "powers that be" see the obvious? Why will they insist we serve in capacities in which we are physically unable? Why not activate units made up wholly of older men,

giving us duties to perform at which we may become assets, making worth while contributions to the war effort. Failing to do this, let them return us to civilian life. These are my sentiments after 18 months of service.

Pvt. B. J. Massey,
APO 20-A, Shreveport, La.

Gentlemen:

For the first time since I have been a soldier I would like to speak my mind:

I would like to say that I have read a few of your editorials and was highly pleased by your liberal attitude and enlightening views on political questions, especially the soldier vote.

Does the civilian population know how a man feels when he is torn away from his family, changes his mode of living (but violently), suffers unbelievable hardships and perhaps gives his life? To top all this, do they know how bitter he feels when his vote is denied him because of selfish politicians in Congress.

Another thing—what are we fighting for? The government of Italy under Victor Emmanuel and Badoglio certainly is not one of the four freedoms. It is an insult to the democratic peoples of the United Nations. Can't we trust the Italian people to elect their own leaders?

One of our promises to peoples under the Nazi yoke is freedom of election. The liberation of Italy is our first chance to prove that we are going to let them set up their own governments. Let us not fumble at this time.

Pvt. George Jordan,
FARTC, Ft. Bragg, N. C.

Gentlemen:

I have read the article published from the 120th Med. Det. I am in full agreement—if some of the boys in the States are having such a hard time I feel sorry for them. There are more than myself with this thought.

They have been talking of rotating the men and giving a 30-day furlough, but as yet nothing has been done about it. Are not the Ground Forces as good as the Air Corps? The men who have been overseas a year or more think they have done their part. Send some of the men that have been having such a hard time getting home on their passes; send them over here, also some of the civilians that are so highly praised.

You cannot teach men combat tactics better than actual experience.

Pvt. Wm. Stant, 32350711,
APO 45, New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

The article I sent you about mustering-out pay wasn't intended for the editorial page where it somehow slipped in. However, my opinion was sincere. But I would like to add that so many political issues can be tied up with such things as a "bonus" or "mustering-out pay" that it is a big question.

My point is that the bonus will be paid sooner or later, so why postpone it until someone can make a political football out of it, as was done before? Why not clear it up for once and for all? The need of the average Joe GI is now, and not 20 years from now. His need may not be for food and rent, but to establish him in a successful enterprise that will keep him from ever being a burden to the government.

Sgt. James W. Griffin,
APO 77, Camp Pickett, Va.

Gentlemen:

Being a soldier I've thought a great deal about mustering-out pay. Congress is giving the boys a tough deal by reducing this pay; if no price is too great for freedom, why don't the ones who do the fighting get a fair deal for their services? No one can deny that we've earned whatever they give us.

For eight months I lived in a foxhole in the Southwest Pacific Area. If I get enough capital when I'm discharged I can make my foxhole dreams come true, and then the world will be a far better place to dwell in.

Sgt. Winger Walton,
Station Hospital,
Ft. Huachuca, Ariz.

Gentlemen:

When Army Times comes out, the dayroom here is a regular madhouse—every G.I. and his brother knocking each other over to get to "Randy Allen" . . . lay their peepers on Carol Kemp!

I want to commend Sgt. Abruzzo on his strip about the "Malaria Mosquito." This was clever and at the same time taught some of us dumb G.I.'s several ways to keep from getting malaria.

Here's to you and your cartoon strip. Keep more of 'em coming. It's good for the ole morale!

T/5 A. D. Suter,
Co. X, 800th Sig Tng. Regt.,
Camp Crowder, Mo.

JEFFERSON BARRACKS, Mo.—The "13 Jinx" caught up with the Jay Bees five. Winners of 12 straight contests the Jay Bees were nosed out by the Phillips "66" Oilers by a 40-38 score.

ALL PRESENT OR ACCOUNTED FOR

Armed with a weekend pass an Eleventh Armored Division EM impatiently waited for a bus at **CAMP COOKE, Calif.** Suddenly the bugle notes for retreat sounded across the camp. The GI's hand snapped up in salute just as the long-awaited bus came into sight. The bus rolled up, stopped momentarily, then rolled on. As the last notes ended, the soldier lowered his arm and looked wistfully at the departing bus—as the rain began.

SOMEWHERE IN ENGLAND is MP Pvt. Ben R. Violette, who is \$2 million richer than a few weeks ago, thanks to the will of a half-sister. But 26-year-old Violette will have to wait until he's 30 before he can collect his inheritance.

Proof that Uncle Sam's soldiers are willing to invest their money as well as their time and lives to the war effort was furnished at **CAMP MACKALL, N. C.**, when Pvt. Joe Clark, Wichita, Kans., bought a \$50 War Bond out of his \$50 salary, leaving him only \$7.75 after other deductions. He worked in a theater after duty hours for his spending money.

The men of an automatic weapons battalion in the Coast Artillery Command, **PANAMA CANAL DEPARTMENT**, may not know it but they wouldn't have eaten meat one day if it hadn't been for their battalion commander, Lt. Col. Frederick L. Van Atta. Jungle mess halls usually get their meat in blocks, and when a shipment of carcass beef arrived no one knew how to butcher it. When the battalion supply officer desperately consulted Colonel Van Atta, the CO said: "Lead me to it," and for an hour wielded hack saw, cleaver and knife like an expert. He explained later that he was a butcher boy when he left high school back home in Calhoun, Ga.

Chaplain Walter D. Oberholtzer of Chicago arrived in **NORTH AFRICA** shortly after leaving **GOWEN FIELD, Idaho**. Preparing for his first service overseas he opened an Army-Navy hymnal and there inscribed in his own handwriting was the signature of ownership: "Gowen Field Chapel, Boise, Idaho." All the way to Africa and he never knew they were missing!

The first thing upon his arrival

at **CAMP CROWDER, Mo.**, Pvt. Harry Heyman stopped a passing GI and asked the time of day. "You know I have no watch, Harry," was the reply. It was his brother, Chester.

When the MP guarding them fell to the ground in a faint, two Army prisoners at a New Jersey post carried him to the dispensary, telephoned the provost marshal and asked to be sent another guard because "this one isn't any good any more." They got the guard and later their commanding officer commuted their sentence.

Capt. Cecil R. Searcy, commanding officer, Service Company, 335th Inf. Regt., 84th Division at **CAMP CLAI-BORNE, La.**, defied best Army traditions at a company party by announcing: "All high-ranking non-coms and all officers will exchange places with the heckled privates for the evening and do KP." Privates showed no mercy in ordering officers to rearrange garbage racks, scrub dishes and clean grease traps.

Four trainees' wives visiting the post paid a sad penalty for being unable to answer questions posed in a "Truth or Consequences" show staged at **CAMP BLANDING, Fla.**, service club. They were blindfolded and forced to identify their husbands by feeling their noses. Two were successful—but two kissed the wrong noses.

Pfc. Ralph Walker, a member of a Red Infantry division on Second Army maneuvers, **SOMEWHERE IN TENNESSEE**, paid \$2.50 for a pair of slightly-used fatigue pants at a second-hand store. In a pocket he found a crisp \$5 bill.

This is the true story of "Mottle," a widow, who gave birth to 50 children, all widows. "Mottle," mascot of the 11th Med. Tng. Regt., **CAMP BARKELEY, Tex.**, is a Black Widow spider. Everyone in the 11th, from the CO on down, is trying to decide what to do with 50 Black Widow spiders.

M/Sgt. John Bolgar, **CAMP WHITE, Ore.**, boasts a novel score while firing on the M-1 range. Out of 10 rounds, the sergeant got eight bulls, one four and one pheasant.

Lacking cash one field artilleryman at **CAMP ROBERTS, Calif.**, was forced to forego the customary furlough granted when training is completed. But just 15 minutes before train time, his barracks mates roused him from slumber, dressed him and packed, then handed him \$50 for transportation and eats. At the instigation of 1st Sgt. Robert L. Andrews, his buddies had chipped in to supply him with the good time.

DSM's Awarded Four, Fifth Gets Oak Leaf

WASHINGTON—The War Department this week announced the award of the Distinguished Service Medal to four generals and the oak leaf cluster to a fifth. Receiving the cluster is Maj. Gen. Fred C. Wallace for service as commanding general of the Fifth Service Command.

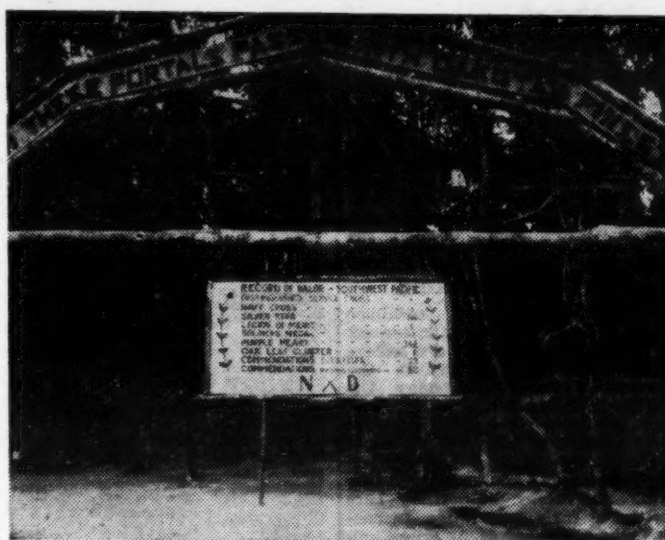
DSM's were given these four for the following service:

Maj. Gen. Harold R. Bull, commanding general, Replacement and School Command and III Corps.

Maj. Gen. (then Brig. Gen.) St. Clair Streett, chief of the Theater Group, Operations Division, WD General Staff.

Brig. Gen. Lester J. Whitlock, G-4 of Southwest Pacific Area.

Brig. Gen. Charles A. Willoughby, G-2 of Southwest Pacific Area.



PRIDE in dressing up their headquarters even in remote jungles of Bougainville Island is shown by this CP of a famed North Dakota Infantry outfit, veterans of the Guadalcanal campaign. They are part of the America Infantry Division.

GI's Families in Trouble Should Go to Red Cross

WASHINGTON — Dependents of Army personnel requiring financial assistance pending receipt of allotments and allowances or other Government benefits should apply to their local Red Cross chapters, the War Department announced this week.

Under the new operating agreement between Army Emergency Relief and the American Red Cross, assistance will be provided by the American Red Cross from its own funds to meet basic maintenance needs during this emergency period. The same service is available to discharged personnel with service-connected disabilities and their dependents when such benefit payments as may be due are delayed or interrupted. These cases will not be referred by the Red Cross to other agencies for handling.

AER Will Give Funds

To meet needs other than basic maintenance, Army Emergency Relief will provide funds to supplement Red Cross and other funds for specific cases involving emergency and special and non-recurring needs.

In accordance with the terms of the operating agreement, operational offices of Army Emergency Relief in cities are being closed, and their former functions are being assumed by local Red Cross chapters.

At posts, camps and stations, Army Emergency Relief offices will continue to operate. Army personnel at military installations desiring assistance may apply either to the Army Emergency Relief officer or to the Red Cross field director stationed at the post. A soldier away from his own station may apply for assistance to a local Red Cross chapter or to the Army Emergency Relief officer or Red Cross field director at the nearest Army post.

Army Officers Cooperate

Immediate assistance as previously available through Army Emergency Relief to Army personnel and their dependents will continue under the new operating agreement, the War Department emphasized. Army offi-

cers have been detailed to each of the five area headquarters of the Red Cross as well as to the national headquarters. These officers will keep the War Department informed of the service being rendered and will cooperate to effect a workable and satisfactory program.

The new agreement eliminates duplication of effort between operations of Army Emergency Relief and those long established as part of the program of the American Red Cross. Under the new agreement, continuance of the extensive organization established in cities by Army Emergency Relief is no longer necessary.

Navigation School Filled at Gordon Johnston

CAMP GORDON JOHNSTON, Fla. — Army Service Forces Training Center's newly formed navigation school at Camp Gordon Johnston is filled to capacity, according to Maj. B. R. Wallace, chief of branch, and Capt. B. St. George, assistant chief.

Schedule of the school covers a three-week period, taking each student through elementary piloting, advanced coastwise piloting and celestial navigation.

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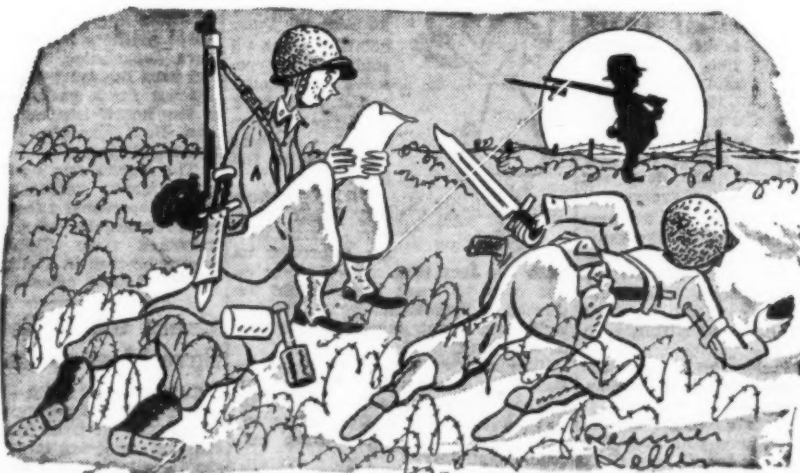


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LIFE AT THE FRONT

Reports On Fighting Men
From All Over The World

Dime-a-Dozen Club

BOUGAINVILLE, Northern Solomons—The "Dime-a-Dozen Club" has been organized among American soldiers who volunteer as snipers to pick off Japs in the jungle. The commanding officer awards a dime for every twelve Japs killed. The club members agree that it is a reasonable price.

An Awful Good Plane

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY AT CASSINO—S/Sgt. James R. Fry, of Frederick, Okla., pilots one of the "Flying Eggbeaters,"—observation planes which spot German artillery positions so our guns can knock them out. Over the Cassino front the other day he saw six German fighters dive-bomb forward American positions. When they moved over his way he headed straight for the first plane and at the last moment made an abrupt turn which got him out of the way. The second opened fire. "All I could do," he says, "was pray and hope." The Nazi missed but a burst of flak put 150 holes in his plane. He got home all right, patched up the holes and in an hour was flying again. This time he was coming round a mountain when the engine quit and he had to crash land in a tree. "In addition to that," Fry says, "that plane has been blown down a gully in a high wind and in another storm had its wings blown off. It's wearing its third pair of wings now. But," he adds, "it's an awful good plane."

The Scheme Worked

AT THE ANZIO BEACHHEAD—A sergeant and seven soldiers were shelled heavily by mortars of their own battalion—at their own request. At one point in the German attacks a vastly superior force overran a post held by Sgt. Alvin Biggers, of Mountain Home, Ark., and his seven men. Biggers messaged back to his company commander, "Put mortar fire on our positions and we'll duck our heads down." The attacking Germans got the full brunt of the mortar fire and retired, leaving many dead behind them.

Enemy "Interference"

SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC—After beating the bush most of the day in search of Japs a leatherneck sergeant and his men finally came to the crest of a ridge. A little distance from his men the sergeant looked cautiously over the ridge into a crater below and discovered a whole troop of the enemy grouped in an open spot eating chow. In a stage-whisper he directed to his waiting men: "Jake, bring the guns over on the left flank." "No," came a voice through the shrubbery. "Better on the right flank." The order was repeated with a similar answer. With murder in his heart the sergeant plunged through the brush and came face to face with a smiling, English-speaking Jap. Rushing up to him the outraged non-com shook his fist in the Jap's face and hollered: "Goddammit Mac, you run your outfit and I'll run mine."

Radio at the Front

AT AMERICAN HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA—American soldiers here are more critical of radio programs than listeners back home, declared Maj. Andre Baruch, in charge of Army radio stations here. "Not only does the service have to keep on its toes to satisfy them," said Major Baruch, "but it also has to keep pace with the advancing lines in the Mediterranean area." Now there are broadcasting stations at Algiers, Casablanca, Oran, Tunis, Palermo and Naples, with a mobile unit which travels with the 5th Army. The Army programs begin at six a.m. and continue through to 11 p.m., till midnight on Saturdays. Transcriptions of the favorite American programs such as Jack Benny, Bob Hope, and Charlie McCarthy are made and rebroadcast. In addition seven news broadcasts a day are given. "Because of the lack of the usual entertainment the soldiers are emphatic critics," Major Baruch says. "But we try to give them what they want and ask them to send in their requests."

Barter Material

SEVENTH AIR FORCE BASE, Central Pacific—Chewing gum and marbles are better than money in bartering with the natives in this area. One soldier tells how he strolled through a native village, handing out a stick of gum here and there to prove friendliness, and then bought four or five fine baskets and a grass skirt for a bag of marbles. He suggests from experience that it is wise to look at everything the natives offer, but not to try to handle anything, since the moment any article is taken in the

hands the natives consider that a deal has been made. When the bargaining price is too high he hands out a stick of gum, and then looks further. Usually another native offers the same goods at half the price.

Music at Panama

PANAMA—The good neighbor theme is being carried out in earnest by United States soldiers and sailors stationed here who play in the Panama National Symphony Orchestra in their off-duty hours. Some time ago it became difficult to replace musicians who had to leave the organization, so Herbert de Castro, founder and conductor, went to Army and Navy authorities here and asked their cooperation. In consequence a number of American soldiers and sailors, who had played with orchestras in United States, perform with the orchestra. Cpl. Morton Block, of Chicago, says he is constantly amazed at the orchestra rehearsals. "Most of us can't understand each other," he notes, "but fortunately we can understand de Castro, who switches from Spanish to English, and even uses American expressions like 'Let's get on the ball,' in the middle of some Beethoven." The orchestra recently gave a concert for American soldiers, sailors and marines at an Army post, playing Dvorak's "New World Symphony," because it contains so much American folk music.

Adventure Galore

A UNITED STATES AIR BASE IN ITALY—A party of flying nurses, officers and airmen had a string of continuous adventure for two terror-filled months, after their transport plane had become lost in a storm and crashed in November in the mountains of Albania. They burned their own transport to keep it from falling into German hands, and then played hide-and-seek with the enemy for the eight weeks. They crossed a precipitous mountain pass in a winter blizzard. They watched from a hill as American bombers blasted a nearby German air base. They were forced to flee when the Nazis bombed a village in which they had taken refuge. Once they found themselves in the middle of a fight between feuding native factions. Finally they made a 26-hour forced march to reach a sea coast rendezvous and were picked up by a British naval launch which made a perilous midnight foray along the enemy-held coast. "It all sounds exciting now," said Lt. Agnes A. Jansen, of Stanwood, Mich., senior nurse of the Air Evacuation Squadron, "but looking back on it I think perhaps the cooties and fleas we picked up caused us the most hardship."

Coupla Whiffs 'n' You're a Gonner

By CPL. EDITH ALLPORT,
Truax Field, Wis.

What is so fair as a day in the gas chamber? Then, if ever, your nerves give out and reduce you to a quivering rag.



Gas instructors are invariably of the "do or die" type. They take the attitude that gas of the more virulent type lies just around the nearest corner, and that any spring morning you may wake up with the dread redolence of geraniums or newly-mown hay blowing gently over you, as your interior and exterior burn slowly to a crisp. Each sinister gas has its own odor and, unfortunately for our simple GI brains, price Chanel or Lucien Lelong's best perfume when we have a chance to sniff Lewisite? "A coupla whiffs of da stuff," warns our dear teacher, "an you is a gonner."

To save us from killing ourselves eagerly sniffing these charming odors, the Army has kindly issued us protective devices in the form of most glamourizing gas masks. These masks have long, synthetic noses and large, lowering eye pieces which make the wearer look like something newly escaped from the planet of Mars or the pages of "Amazing Stories." Inserted in neat khaki cases and dangling from one's midriff, they become ten-ton weights after an hour or so of marching. At last we can understand the papoose difficulties of Sacajawea as she tripped across the plains with Lewis and Clark.

We begin with a practice session in putting our masks on and off. "Gas," bellows the teacher, then, "by the numbers . . . hup, tup, thrup, foh!" Frantically we yank our bulky,

rubbery masks from their containers and struggle to insert our noggin's before the count of four. As a final chic note, we place our fatigue hats at a jaunty tilt, arrange our feet at right angles, a la Donald Duck; "Lafayette, we are here!"

Getting in and out of the mask is one of the major problems. With straps here, there, and everywhere, you never know which one to fling boldly over your shoulder, to adjust the case. Half the time you encase yourself neatly only to find the waistband fastened under your chin.

At the shout, "All clear," we "test" for gas, squatting anxiously on our haunches and slipping fingers under the side of the mask to get just one very small whiff, which porpoise-like, we immediately blow out.

Having doffed our GI Hattie Carnegie headgear, we don it again and wander about peering myopically out at the now fuzzy-looking world, like deep sea divers looking for ships' treasure.

Next, we are ready to venture into the gas chamber, a gruesome spot usually situated on some lonely moor far distant from the cheery warmth of the barracks. The chamber is a well-insulated hut, innocent of exterior but infested within with tear gas.

Masked and inside the smoky looking interior, you stand trembling behind your "Phantom of the Opera" facade as the professor of gas breaks a tear bomb. There you are, like a person preparing for an operation and taking his first few whiffs of chloroform or ether. The odor of the rubber mask becomes oppressive and soon your skin begins to feel as if it were being pricked by a thousand tiny needles. Surely the gas could smell no worse than the nauseous antiseptic scent inside of

the mask. You toy with the idea of removing the whole thing for a good fresh whiff of tear gas, but manfully restrain these flighty tendencies.

Finally panic invades you, and were it not for your inordinate dread of the shining bars of the lordly shavetail supervisor, you would scamper out without ado. But no, the final demonstration is about to take place.

"Take off da mask," says the non-com teacher, "and we'll see just what dis gas will do!"

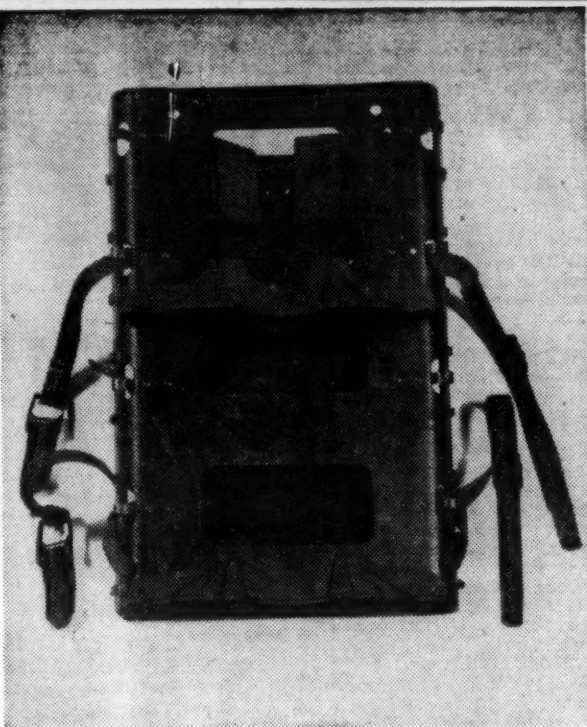
Our Orientation professor has told us that "a good soldier does not cry, he goes out and plays a brisk game of handball." In spite of this admirable philosophy, and our best intentions to be one of those nebulous "good soldiers," we remove the masks and cry so hard that the teacher must needs guide us to the door.

This momentary whiff of a non-persistent gas impresses us with the fact that we definitely do not care to meet what might be termed a "persistent" gas. Frankly we'd rather not encounter any gas of any kind.

This charming maneuver is designed to show us just what fine gas masks our Uncle Sam can make. But as one of our GI friends elegantly put it, "Who inna hell ever doubted it?"

Life has still not held enough horrors for one day, for in our struggle to remove the masks, we now encounter that fearsome beastie, the sergeant, who usually bellows, "Youse is takin' dat mask off wrong! Puttem back in da chamber!"

Woe is me! "We is gonners!"



THIS PACK SAVES BACKS
Eases queer-shaped loads



Center to Treat Arthritis Set Up At Hot Springs

WASHINGTON—A center for the diagnosis and treatment of arthritis has been set up at the Army and Navy General Hospital, Hot Springs National Park, Ark., the War Department announced this week.

It is hoped to make this hospital a source of extensive knowledge on arthritis for the whole medical profession. Studies will be carried on in the use of special drugs, such as the sulfanomides and penicillin, in the treatment of arthritis.

An outstanding former civilian specialist and an authority on diseases of the joints, Lt. Col. Phillip Hench, Medical Corps, U. S. Army, formerly of the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn., has been placed in charge of medical service at the hospital.

All severe and prolonged arthritis cases to be treated by the Army will be sent to the hospital, which is already specially equipped for treatment of diseases of the joints and has facilities for extensive physical therapy.

While arthritis does not account for a large percentage of illnesses in the Army, it is found to be one of the most disabling.

WEATHER STATIONS and airfields were established in Greenland by the American Air Forces in 1941.

New Packboard Eases Heavy Loads on Backs

WASHINGTON—American soldiers in Italy who must carry heavy weapons and supplies up mountains on their own backs can thank Hugh Johnson, peacetime architect, now a Quartermaster technologist, who invented the Army's improved packboard.

The new packboard weighs only four pounds, compared to seven for the old-style equipment. In addition, it makes it easier to carry irregular or awkwardly shaped loads.

The load is distributed over all the back and shoulder muscles without strain or chafe in any one spot. And the carrier may adjust his load to whatever balance suits him best.

The side edges of the board are turned inward toward the carrier, forming a recess 2 3/16 inches deep. Across this recess canvas is lashed to the edges of the board, drum-taut but springy. It is this canvas that cushions the carrier's back, protecting it from galling and spreading the strain.

The pack is carried by a shoulder harness of broad cotton webbing which can be quickly slung or unslung. The load is lashed to the packboard by cotton webbing straps with self-tightening, quick-release, throw buckles. Thus a soldier can

drop his pack and unlimber his part of a weapon in split seconds.

Rope Carried
A standard accessory is a 30-foot coil of rope which is carried in the space between the board and the canvas.

The maximum load recommended for an average soldier is 45 pounds, which brings his total load up to about 60 pounds.

Gold Rush Yarns Presented by KSKA

SKAGWAY, Alaska—Yarns about the gold rush days provide a great deal of entertainment for Skagway soldiers as old-timers spin them over station KSKA, the soldiers' own station.

KSKA is a soldier-built, soldier-operated station, fitted to the needs of Skagway. The town, lying between mineral-bearing mountains which blot out radio transmission from the States, must originate its own programs. Even short-wave broadcasts, heard readily in most parts of Alaska, do not come through.

Pfc. Gordon G. Bunnell, of the Alaska Communications System (Army Signal Corps), conceived the plan of the station. Special service came to its rescue, once it was on the air. That branch was conducting basketball games, and since many soldiers could not be at the gym, lines were strung to it to report the contests. Soon, with the aid of the townfolk, a modern, sound-proof studio was arranged in the USO building.

The usual titles have been given to the men who are responsible for the station. Bunnell is chief technician. T/Sgt. Darrell S. Harris is business manager. Pvt. Grant E. Yerden is program director. Pvt. Glenn E. Churches, formerly of KXA, Seattle, is chief announcer, and T/S James G. McDaniel is another announcer.

New System of Knots Taught at Fort Sill

FORT SILL, Okla.—A new system of knots and hitches devised by the Field Artillery School Animal Transport department makes it possible for even the greenest rookie to make hitches for a packsaddle with only a few hours' instruction. Col. Garrison B. Coverdale, department director, discloses.

The system was worked out by the department's research section, under the personal supervision of Colonel Coverdale, who only recently returned from China and India where he was in charge of training young Chinese officers.

Camp Grant Cooks Save Most of Lard

CAMP GRANT, Ill.—Cooks at this post saved 81.3 per cent of the lard authorized for issue here during January by rendering fats trimmed from meats, an increase of 2.7 per cent over record December savings, Brig. Gen. James E. Baylis, commanding general of Camp Grant, announced this week.

Since the drive to conserve fats got underway in October, 25,041 pounds of lard have been saved. Value of the savings is \$4,006.56.

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Runner Fights On With Gun on Fallen Buddies, Wins DSC

WASHINGTON—An Infantry runner who took over an automatic rifle from fallen comrades and saved a machine-gun squad from Japanese fire in the campaign for Munda Airfield on New Georgia Island, has been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, the War Department announced this week.

Pfc. Frank Chimenti Jr., of Sultan, Wash., caught the falling weapon as two automatic riflemen were killed beside him in the fierce fighting. With it, he riddled a Japanese machine gunner, saving one of his own machine-gun squads, which was vulnerable to the enemy fire. He rushed in to assault the Japanese position but exhausted his supply of ammunition before accomplishing his mission, and was forced to withdraw.

In a later attack the same day, Private Chimenti ran to within 10 yards of hostile positions to rescue a wounded officer who, although exposed to intense enemy fire, had ordered him to stay under cover.

Private Chimenti, thoroughly schooled in the duties of an Infantry runner, returned to his battalion commander with such a clear-cut picture of the situation that he was sent back to guide reserve elements in the attack.

On the following day he guided a platoon into action and, with his thorough knowledge of enemy dispositions and terrain features, participated conspicuously in the assault.

YMCA Gives Hints To GI Joe on How To Write Home

CAMP STEWART, Ga.—A 600-word leaflet containing 16 helpful and suggestive ideas for GI Joe's writing home, entitled "Your Next Letter Home," and written by the former acting director of the National Council, YMCA publication department, Pvt. James Rietmulder, is being distributed to millions of military personnel throughout the nation this week through the USO.

Private Rietmulder, in his leaflet, advises soldiers to "write the kind of letters you want to get and write as often as you like to get letters."

He also warns the GIs not to discuss military secrets. "There is plenty else to write about," he declares. "The folks want to know all about you. What you are doing, your buddy, where he lives, the barracks you live in, and even the way you make your bed."

The two-page leaflet is being published by the Army and Navy Department of the Young Men's Christian Associations with offices in New York City, one of the agencies of the United Service Organizations, and is printed on the official USO writing paper which is issued free. The contents of the leaflet is printed with blue ink.

Makes Score of 162 in Classification Test

NEW CUMBERLAND, Pa.—Pvt. Bernard R. Ackerman, of Philadelphia, set a new record for this reception center when he made a score of 162 in the General Classification test. The Army's top score is 163.

Ackerman has been employed as psychologist and counselor with the Civilian Training Program and Officers' Replacement Pool at the Army Signal Corps depot in Philadelphia. He has also had specialized training in Rorschach testing. When asked if he was familiar with the type of test given in the Army, he smiled and answered, "Slightly."

Lt. Col. James H. Ferrick Is CO at Camp Kohler

CAMP KOHLER, Calif.—Lt. Col. James H. Ferrick was named acting commander of the Western Signal Corps Training Center last week, on the imminent transfer of Col. Edward A. Allen to an unannounced assignment.

Colonel Allen has been commander of the Center since its activation.

Colonel Ferrick has been executive officer of the Center since its recent activation at Camp Kohler.

Brig. Gen. P. S. Gage Takes Command of the Harbor Defenses of Boston

PORT HANCOCK, N. J.—Brig. Gen. Philip S. Gage, commanding general of the Harbor Defenses of New York since the beginning of 1941, has assumed command of the Harbor Defenses of Boston, in the Northeastern sector of the Eastern Defense Command, with headquarters at Fort Banks, Mass. The new assignment is a permanent change of station, with General Gage's successor at this post expected to arrive shortly.



THIS NAZI, hands on hips, seems skeptical about what an American doughboy is telling him. The German surrendered to men of the 36th Infantry Division in the San Vitor Vittore area of Italy only a few minutes before this photo was made. —Signal Corps Photo.

Signal Corps Maintains Lines Despite Obstacles

WASHINGTON — Communication lines—vital arteries of war—are being maintained by the Signal Corps on the Fifth Army fronts in Italy in defiance of formidable natural barriers and in combat with an enemy sharply aware of their essential part in modern warfare, the War Department disclosed this week.

"Italian rivers, swollen by unusually heavy rains and frequently well covered by enemy machine gun and small arms fire, have claimed the lives of many signalmen," Col. T. J. Tully of Atlanta, Ga., Deputy Chief Signal Officer, Allied Force Headquarters, declared in a report.

"Despite biting cold and strenuous hostile opposition, linemen have waded and swum the rivers in order to establish lines of communication," he said. "The procedure is to tie a section of wire or cable, the latter

weighing 200 pounds per 100-foot length, around a man's waist, bid him 'good luck' and try to cover his crossing with supporting fire.

"Once over, it becomes necessary for the swimmer to dig in on the opposite shore and take whatever the enemy offers in opposition, then set up for business when the fire lessens," Colonel Tully continued.

One of the men who led the way under these circumstances, when a division was dependent on speedy establishment of communications, he said, was Capt. Robert W. Trescott, Pawtucket, R. I. His outfit had been delayed temporarily on the south bank of the Volturno River, and the cable it was laying across the river had become snagged in mid-stream.

Captain Trescott removed his clothing, plunged into the water, calling for fire support from his troops, and emerged 20 minutes later on the north bank. Although the river was 200 yards wide at this point and under concentrated fire, communications with the forward division were established speedily.

Defend Lines

Signal Corps units frequently are called upon to defend the lines they establish, according to Colonel Tully's report, which cites the repulse of a German patrol by a radio team during some of the heaviest fighting for the Salerno beachhead.

"Sixteen powerful radio sets had been installed when a heavy German attack was launched north of a highway which crosses the Sele River," he said. "The attack was successful in that it forced a temporary withdrawal of all Allied units—except the radio team of a Signal battalion, which received orders to hold at any cost."

"For 20 hours, this detachment remained the most advanced unit of the Fifth Army, almost four miles ahead of any possible support. At no time during the enemy thrust had communications been lost, although a German patrol crossed the river at one point and attempted to destroy a transmitter installation. Radio operators, maintenance men and officers grabbed sub-machine guns, rifles and carbines and repulsed the patrol with losses."

The unit withdrew only after receiving orders to do so. At a critical stage of events, it had prevented a confused military situation from becoming a chaotic one.

During the first 22 days of the invasion of Italy, according to Colonel Tully, more than 5,300 miles of assault wire, field wire, and cable were laid by Signal Corps units, an average of more than 240 miles a day.

That record was established despite the fact that the problems of communications increased in direct relation to the worsening weather and terrain conditions. Whereas, in earlier campaigns, linemen worked from standard military vehicles adapted specifically to work of this kind, they were forced to resort to mules, carts, jeeps, and even bicycles in Italy. And it was not unusual to see linemen unrolling huge spools of wire of cable by hand, with other men of their units on constant patrol duty against enemy forays.

They Deliver Supplies On Own Backs in Italy

WASHINGTON—The War Department this week told the story of the officers and men who are the last echelon of supply for soldiers of the Fifth Army fighting in the mountains and ravines of Italy.

The particular story is that of Capt. Admiral M. McDonald, Inf., of San Antonio, Tex., and the company he commanded, but actually it might also be that of scores of other Infantry units serving as self-styled "human pack trains" to terminate the long supply lines which have their origin in the fields, factories and foundries of America.

Met Death on Trail

Captain McDonald, posthumously awarded the Silver Star, met death on a mission in which he persisted in directing personally the flow of supplies over twisting mountain trails to the hard-fighting Infantrymen of the 36th Division.

The officer was at the head of his company, leading the way over the always difficult terrain in darkness and rain and under heavy enemy shellfire. Because the need was great, he drove on until he was fatally wounded.

Only two days before his death, Captain McDonald told something of the problems encountered and overcome in forging the final link in the chain of supply.

"The boys are up there fighting. They need food, water, ammunition. The only way to get it to them is to carry it up, and that's what we're doing. This is the last echelon of supply," he explained.

He gave the following account of the previous night's trip:

Carried 35 Pounds

"Each man carried about 35 pounds in his pack—either a case of K rations, C rations, or a five-gallon can of water, mortar shells, grenades, or small arms ammunition. One man out of 10 carried a tommy gun or Browning automatic rifle. I carried a BAR.

"Between noon and dark, we covered two miles of the winding path around the base of the mountain, and by dark we were headed up the slippery mountain route that rose 60 degrees at many places. One man in the company blazed the trail with white tape so that we could find our way back again.

"Going up that trail," Captain McDonald said, "we were shelled three times. All you can do when you're shelled with a pack of rations on your back is stay where you are and hug the ground. A couple of the men had chunks of shrapnel bounce off their packs."

"In the middle of that uphill run," he went on, "it began to rain. It had already rained so much that the trail was full of slime. Each man had to keep the one in front of him in sight, which wasn't easy, because all of us were slipping on rocks on the trail and going knee-deep into mud-filled shell holes."

"When we reached the top of the mountain trail, I saw a pale light for a minute and then decided to steer clear of it. Later, I discovered that the light came from a German outpost."

Jerry Counterattacks

"At 3 o'clock in the morning, when our ration train was coming in sight of the 1st Battalion command post, Jerry tried to throw a counterattack. But the battalion was waiting for it and had already ordered an artillery concentration."

"The counterattack was driven off by the artillery and mortar fire from the battalion, and our pack train picked itself up and moved into the battalion CP. A battalion officer led us through the companies, where we dropped off the rations."

"The men up there were tired," said Captain McDonald. "They'd been fighting for five days. But each time

we came to a company and answered their challenge, somebody would say, 'Hey, Joe, it's a carrying party!' The other would answer, 'What's it carrying?' The first would say, 'Rations!' They they'd all holler, 'Right this way!'

"On the way back," Captain McDonald recalled, "it's a little easier, although I've got to doubletime the men around a bend where Jerry is already zeroed in. A few wild ones fly in, but none of them gets us. After we clear that spot, we're feeling better. The men argue with me to carry my BAR, they're feeling so good, but I won't let them. I've never seen men like them."

Clark Refuses Safety in Rear; Wins Admiration

WASHINGTON—Gen. Mark W. Clark, Commanding General of the Fifth Army, whose front-line escapes have been numerous, began winning the admiration and respect of his men for his refusal to seek rear-line shelter during the North African campaign, the War Department reported this week.

General Clark had taken a position in an advanced artillery observation post near the tiny village of Bedeau—a post that was nothing more than a ditch. He rose to his feet frequently to observe the effect of the Fifth Army artillery, as shell after shell shot overhead into enemy positions.

He had risen from the ditch again, just as a short-fused shell burst 100 yards from the observation post. The ground was splattered with steel fragments and, to a man, the observation group hit the ground, General Clark diving face down.

The danger over, the party awaited the General's comment. It came:

"I was going, anyway," he smiled, brushing dirt from his uniform.

Recounting the incident at Camp Mackall, N. C., where he was stationed after returning from the North African theater, S/Sgt. Guy H. Copeland, Jr., Abbeville, S. C., added:

"That's the sort of thing that made a lot of him."

Funds from CCC Turned Over to Treasury Dept.

WASHINGTON—Maj. Gen. J. A. Ulio, The Adjutant General, who also is the War Department's representative on the CCC Advisory Council, this week reported to the Secretary of War that \$1,404,798.90 derived from company funds of the liquidated Civilian Conservation Corps had been turned over to the Treasury Department.

These funds were accumulated by Civilian Conservation Corps companies administered under War Department regulations. The Chief, Discontinued Projects Branch, AGO, 911 Douglas Street, Omaha 8, Neb., has been designated by the War Department to act on claims pertaining to company funds which may be presented later.

Red Cross Sends Varied Supplies to Soldiers

WASHINGTON — American Red Cross in the last twelve months supplied troops with 7,500,000 tubes of toothpaste, over 2,871,000 toothbrushes and 3,000,000 razor blades, it was reported by Red Cross National Headquarters here this week.

Men in battle often lose toothbrushes and various other personal items. Wounded men are given first attention, then come the battle-weary able bodied troops.

Japs Pay High for Murder Of Yank Officers in China

A FOURTEENTH AIR FORCE FORWARD AIR BASE IN CHINA—

The Japanese, confronted with failures in the air and on the ground, have organized gangsters and offered them large prices for murdering American officers.

Chinese military authorities have warned American Air Force personnel of the plot. Flyers are especially choice targets, it is said, but so far no attacks have been made.

\$20 a Day

The Chinese say they have learned that at least 200 would-be assassins have been assigned to certain regions where they are paid \$20 a day while awaiting an opportunity for murder.

Besides their daily wage, they are promised a bonus of \$15,000 for the assassination of a captain and

\$35,000 for a colonel or higher officer.

There has been other evidence that the Japs are keeping concise files on key Fourteenth Air Force personnel. Sometimes during a Jap air raid, suspicious looking fires are seen burning on mountain tops.

Batteries Down

Occasionally, fighter pilots would climb in their planes in the morning only to find the batteries run down or radios tuned to the wrong frequencies. Tightened guards ended this.

On another occasion, a highly secret change in radio frequencies was made to reduce the chance of the enemy tuning in on American operations. But a Jap-accented voice greeted flyers in English: "Good morning, Americans—you see we have your new frequency."

Transportation Troops Training for Invasion

WASHINGTON—Highly specialized invasion training for Transportation Corps soldiers is being conducted at the Port Battalion Training School, Charleston, S. C., Port of Embarkation, where men are being taught to transfer cargo under fire from ships to invasion barges to beachheads, the War Department announced this week.

The Army's "sailors" and "stevedores" who handle supplies already

have played an important role in the Mediterranean and other theaters as members of beach groups made up of Port Battalion personnel, according to Maj. Jack F. Scheuer, of Montgomery, Ala., who returned recently from Italy after serving with a port battalion. Major Scheuer is now engaged in training troops at the Charleston Port.

Load and Protect

Port Battalion troops load, unload, and help protect supplies needed by the advancing fighters. Trained in the use of weapons and armed with carbines, .30 caliber and .50 caliber machine guns, they are soldiers first and then stevedores. They aid the beach group in safeguarding the cargo in transit and assist in fighting off enemy attack on supplies they are handling.

Training, under conditions simulating actual fire, is carried on at the Charleston Port by the use of dummy cargo loaded and unloaded on a retired five-hatch cargo ship anchored nearby. The technique is taught as part of the Port Battalion's advanced training program.

The soldiers operate in units called hatch sections and gangs. Each section is made up of 21 men. The hatch foreman, a non-commissioned officer, is in charge of the unit. Under his supervision is a hatch tender, the signal man who directs the "traffic" of unloading cargo. The two winch operators work directly under the signal man.

Arrangement Flexible

There are eight "longshoremen" stationed in the hold, and eight stationed on the pier or in barges during operations. One assistant hatch foreman completes the unit. No part of the arrangement is so definite that it cannot be altered to meet any loading or unloading situations.

Major Scheuer pointed out that it is the policy of the Transportation Corps to use foreign civilian labor in foreign ports wherever possible, increasing the manpower available and using American soldiers as key men. The Port Battalions are often called upon to act as security guards of the port at which they are stationed, and at all times are ready to take part in whatever type of operation the exigencies of warfare make necessary. The men are taught demolition and destruction methods for port installations in case it becomes necessary to destroy existing facilities.

Jap Excuse

WASHINGTON—Japan's alibi for the few interceptor planes which have been sent up recently to stop Allied bombers in the Southwest Pacific was recorded by U. S. Foreign Broadcast Intelligence Service this week.

According to an enemy broadcast, Japanese pilots were "confident" the Allied fliers would miss their targets. The broadcaster did admit, however, that "there were times when the enemy—in dropping their bombs at random—managed to hit our military objectives."



—Cpl. Art Gates, Keeler Field, Miss.

"Those malaria control bulletins sure made an impression on Wilcox!"



NAZIS KILLED by Nazis. An Allied truck which had been loaded with German prisoners in the Cerasuolo area of Italy burns fiercely after being set afire during a bombing and strafing by Nazi planes. The Allied soldiers on the left have been smothering the burning clothing of the soldier at their feet.

—Signal Corps Photo.

Army Restricts Its Use Of 80 Octane Gas in U. S.

WASHINGTON—As a conservation measure, limitations have been placed on the use of 80-octane all-purpose, all-weather gasoline in Army vehicles operated within continental United States, the War Department announced this week.

Developed to meet year-round combat requirements of all Army Ground Forces vehicles, the high-power motor fuel will continue to be used in all combat vehicles in this country, since engines in such equipment have been designed for its consumption.

The gasoline also will be available for use in all vehicles participating in maneuvers in the United States, in which battle conditions are simulated as closely as possible.

'Two-Man Army' Awarded DSC's

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY, ITALY—The entire personnel of a "two-man army" from Texas has been decorated with the Distinguished Service Cross at a joint ceremony in Italy.

Both infantrymen, S/Sgt. Jack G. Berry and Sgt. Willie E. Slaughter hail from Mexia, Tex. Friends for years, their Army careers have paralleled each other closely. When they teamed together in a recent engagement on the Fifth Army front in Italy, this was their score:

Seven Germans killed, seven others wounded, 13 taken prisoner, and two machine-gun nests knocked out.

Enemy guns were delaying the advance of the Texans' platoon when the two sergeants volunteered to destroy them. Shirts loaded with hand grenades, they advanced across bullet-sprayed terrain to a position from which they could attack the first gun. It was quickly destroyed, and they moved to a second, more dangerous position, from which they put the second nest out of action.

Such use, it was pointed out, makes it impossible for using troops to familiarize themselves with the powers and limitations of their vehicles under the same operating conditions they will encounter in actual combat. Exceptions may be made at the discretion of commanding generals of units under their command.

The only other authorized uses of 80-octane gasoline in Army vehicles in the United States are for operation of landing vehicles, amphibious trucks, marine equipment when prescribed, for experimental or research work on new or redesigned equipment and captured enemy material, and in special cases when recommended by the responsible technical service and approved by the quartermaster general.

A supply bulletin prepared by the War Department Committee on Liquid Fuels and Lubricants requires that all other Army vehicles in the United States use 72-octane motor fuel, specifications for which are met by most commercial gasolines.

In limiting the use of 80-octane gasoline in the United States, the War Department is co-operating with the Petroleum Administration for War and the oil industry to insure its maximum availability on the fighting fronts.

German PW Camp Set Up at Devens

FORT DEVENS, Mass.—A German prisoner-of-war camp is being set up at Fort Devens to serve as a base camp for the New England area. German enlisted men will be used in cutting pulp wood which is seriously hampered by labor shortages.

Prison camp commander will be Col. Harold G. Storke, former director of internal security for the 1st Service Command.

Vets Who Lost Papers Should Apply to AGO

WASHINGTON—In answer to numerous inquiries, the War Department this week declared that former enlisted men of the Army who have lost their discharge certificates and are unable, as a result of such loss, to complete their application for mustering-out pay, should apply to The Adjutant General, War Department, Washington 25, D. C., for a duplicate copy of the certificate of discharge.

Signal Corps 81 Years Old; Today Its Network Is Vast

WASHINGTON—The Signal Corps of the United States Army observed its 81st anniversary last week.

Authorized as a separate branch of the Army by an Act of Congress, March 3, 1863, the corps has grown from a complement of fewer than 100 officers and enlisted men to a strength of approximately twice the peacetime strength of the Regular Army.

An assistant surgeon, Maj. Albert J. Myer, is considered the father of the corps. It was he who first suggested wig-wag, a means of visual communication by flag, and who submitted a plan for telegraphic communication during the Civil War. Several years before the corps was

Engineers Build Runway in Record Time for Furlough

AN EIGHTH AIR FORCE FIGHTER STATION, ENGLAND—A vast runway of pierced-steel planking from which fighter planes of a United States Eighth Army Air Force station in England climb into action was constructed in the record elapsed time of 63 hours by two Corps of Engineers teams competing for the reward of a prolonged furlough.

Actual working time—interrupted to permit the takeoff and return of a fighter mission from the partially-completed strip—was 56 hours and 40 minutes for the winning team, commanded by 1st Lt. Carl W. Christenson, Roslyn, Mass. Thirty minutes later, Engineers under 1st Lt. Arnold L. Pach, Belmar, N. J., laid down their tools.

Although neither officers nor men had had previous experience in runway construction of this type they had, in the opinion of ranking Engineer officers, "set a record that has never been equalled anywhere else by U. S. troops."

The job was accomplished in the face of rain, mud, and bone-chilling temperatures, and was carried on at night by the light of arc lamps.

Six days had been allotted for the task, and men of the winning team were given furloughs equal to the length of time remaining when it was finished. The losers, required to complete the marshalling area, accomplished that assignment so quickly that they also were given furloughs from the time of its completion to the original six-day deadline.

Uniform Sale Plan Ends March 20

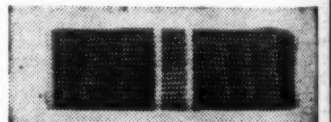
WASHINGTON—The Army Exchange Service uniform plan, under which retail dealers were licensed to sell at low mark-up prices Army officer uniforms obtained from the Army Exchange Service, is being discontinued March 20, the War Department announced this week.

It was initiated early in the war as an emergency measure because of restrictions on wools and as a supplement to official Army Exchange stores in supplying the large number of newly commissioned officers. Present conditions do not warrant its retention, according to Col. Francis R. Kerr, Inf., chief of the Army Exchange Service.

"The demand for officers' uniforms has diminished to the point where established inventories are no longer justified," Colonel Kerr stated, in complimenting dealers on the satisfactory conclusion of the uniform distribution plan under which hundreds of retail stores throughout the nation sold uniforms secured from the Army at a fixed price providing a low margin of profit.

Retailers may continue uniform departments with material obtained from other than Army Exchange sources.

THE EQUIVALENT of a roadway 30 feet wide and 9,000 miles long has been laid in airfields and landing grounds in Great Britain for the Royal Air Force.



RIBBON for the newest American decoration, the Bronze Star, is red, with a vertical blue stripe in the center, with both the blue stripe and the ribbon ends piped in white. The ribbon will have to serve until war demands for bronze are relaxed and the medals can be struck. Designs for the medal itself have not yet been completed.

Red Cross Girls Carry Cheer To Chinese Outposts

HEADQUARTERS, "Y" FORCES IN SOUTHWEST CHINA—Two American Red Cross girls, Katherine Pfeng, of Columbus, Ohio, and Francis Wild, of Aurora, N. Y., have just returned from a 900-mile trip through China's rugged Southwest. During their trip they carried such reminders of home as chocolate fudge, jitterbugging and community singing to soldiers in lonely U. S. outposts.

Miss Pfeng, who has had some stage experience, put it to use by accepting all partners for jitterbugging exhibitions. Both girls took part in a skit produced at every camp, and led community singing.

The girls made the trip by jeep in the company of two Red Cross men and a special service officer of the "Y" forces of Lt. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell.

While they wore Red Cross outfits generally, their baggage included one pretty dress each, silk stockings and high-heeled shoes. At some camps they donned aprons and turned out batches of fudge.

The girls observed that "wolfishness" among soldiers tends to diminish the fewer women they see. "The men just seemed glad to see us and talk to us," they said. "In places where they are busy the morale is good. Elsewhere the temptation is to take to poker and jingbow juice. Jingbow juice is the name for almost any alcoholic beverage in China."

Long Tom Outslugs Best Nazi Weapons

PHILADELPHIA—Col. D. N. Hausman, recently commanding the Philadelphia Ordnance District, asserts that the American "Long Tom," 155 mm. gun is more than a match for the best field artillery the Germans have used. The "Long Tom" blasted Rommel in North Africa, bombarded Tunis and Bizerte, helped drive the Axis out of Sicily and fired the first shot from Messina to the Italian mainland. On the Volturno River line in Italy it actually obliterated German bombers, fighters and gun emplacements on airfields fully 15 miles distant.

Two days after the Marines landed on Renova Island, in the South Pacific a row of "Long Toms" were pouring a steady stream of fire into the Japs on Munda, 11 miles away.

The 155 mm. gun is mounted on a split-trail carriage, which permits 65 degrees elevation and 60 degrees traverse. Six giant pneumatic tires and air brakes on the carriage permit it to be towed behind a fast-moving truck.

In battle a two-foot 95-pound shell has its nose fuse set for delayed or super-quick action. Thirty pounds of nitro-cellulose powder, packed in cloth bags, act as projectile.

Hitler Lowers Army Physical Standards

NEW YORK—Hitler has ordered the reduction of physical standards for the German army to admit certain cripples, according to a Russian broadcast. Eligible for service will be men "with some fingers of the right hand grown together," and "clubfeet," according to the broadcast heard by U. S. Government monitors.

Backwardness and malformation of the thorax will no longer prevent men from entering the German Army, the Russians said.

Mounted Patrol More Thorough MP Officer at Ft. McPherson Says

FORT McPHERSON, Ga.—A new mounted MP patrol has been instituted here, at the suggestion of 2nd Lt. Robert C. Gneus, CO of the Military Police detachment.

Eight picked men are being instructed in horseback patrol, Army style. They will be on duty from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. During other hours of the day the regular motorized patrol will be in effect.

Lieutenant Gneus said that the post patrol would be more thorough with the men mounted.

Army Horse-shoeing Improves Old Method

CAMP CARSON, Colo.—Recently Ernie Pyle, the war correspondent, reported back from Italy what a tough time the Yanks were having getting shoes and nails to shoe the pack mules which carry precious supplies to soldiers fighting on mountain tops.

The report gave dramatic emphasis to work here at Camp Carson, where soldiers of the 30th Veterinary General Hospital are applying the ancient but still vital art of the village blacksmith.

War Scenes
Scenes which have been enacted

Bugler Wakes 'Em With 'Stardust' On Italian Front

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY, ITALY—Accustomed to listening to the drab morning melody that usually fills the air at reveille, doughboys of the 36th "Texas" Division on the Fifth Army front were surprised one morning recently by the melodic strains of "Stardust."

"More," they shouted as the last note began to fade. Then another swing tune filled the air.

The source was the trumpet of Cpl. Rudolf Heppel, San Francisco, whose band had bivouacked the night before close to the Texans.

Corporal Heppel began experiencing a popularity unusual for a bugler as requests poured into the orderly tent from all units within hearing distance. The requests were filled promptly by the obliging corporal.

"It all started back in Africa," he explained. "We had a six-piece band which played reveille each morning. At night we played odd dance jobs in nearby towns. When the African campaign came to an end, we packed all our instruments except my trumpet."

"When we got to Italy, I played the usual tune at reveille, at first. Then one morning the fellows began shouting, 'Why don't you play something?' So I played a popular tune."

"Even the 'Old Man' goes for it," Corporal Heppel continued. "He likes to hear 'Begin the Beguine,' but my favorite is 'Stardust.'"

Pigeons Protest Yanks in Cote

WASHINGTON—From a pigeon cote converted into an observation post, 2nd Lt. Walter Suboczewski, FA, North Adams, Mass., directed the fire of his artillery battery with unerring accuracy during a recent engagement on the Fifth Army front, the War Department disclosed this week. The toll taken by the battery included everything which presented itself as a target, including a German personnel car, two motorcycles, two platoons of enemy infantry, and an enemy heavy tank which was knocked from its path in flames.

Later, Lieutenant Suboczewski's battery joined forces with a British unit to concentrate fire on a distant, German-occupied hillside. Reconnaissance the following day disclosed a total of 200 Nazi dead in the area.

But the New England officer's interest centered on the "attitude of the pigeons" he had evicted in taking up his post in the cote, atop an Italian home.

"It was most discouraging," he said. "They flew around their house all day and scolded. I'm afraid they didn't care whether we ran the Germans out of the country or not!"

Average Soldier Writes 6.13 Letters Per Week

WASHINGTON—The average soldier or sailor writes 6.13 letters per week and, to obtain air service, usually pays postage on 1.03 of them. This was revealed by Postmaster General Frank Walker to the House Appropriations Committee this week. Mail has been dropped by planes at the front lines sometimes when the men are in battle, Mr. Walker said.

Harrison Parkman, purchasing agent of the Post Office Department, said that it had a contract for 42,000,000 V-mail envelopes a month and expected 100,000,000 a month by March.

Eton Opens Its Doors for Courses for American Soldiers

LONDON—The doors of Eton, Britain's exclusive boys' school, will be opened to American soldiers on March 13 when they will attend a one-week lecture on political and social problems.

Special courses for American soldiers have been offered at Oxford and Cambridge universities for some time, but Eton is the first of the famous British "public schools" to sponsor such courses.

Briton Claims English Weapons Better Than Yank

NEW DELHI, India—Maj. Gen. J. S. Lethbridge, head of a special British mission, stuck his head out when he stated at a press conference here that one of the outstanding conclusions of a tour of the Southwest Pacific front was that British weapons are better than American.

"The Australians have tried all weapons belonging to the Americans," he said, "and have gone back to their own. They have found them better."

But both British and American newspapermen recalled how eagerly British soldiers and officers had tried to equip themselves with American Colt automatics, light carbines, pack equipment and even canteens, clothing and belts.

Although General Lethbridge admitted weapon development was toward lightness, he added that Australians had tried out the light, 5-pound American carbine and given it up.

"British weapons have been found superior both in quality and adaptability," he said, claiming they are nearly "foolproof."

Army Erred About Husband's Death, Wife, Rewed, Finds

INDIANAPOLIS—Sgt. Walter W. Barr returned home here from foreign service to find his wife married to another man, but he straightened out a marital tangle before leaving again for overseas.

Cause of the mixup was War Department confusion over two sergeants with the same name.

In January, 1942, the Army notified Mrs. Barr that her pay allotment was being discontinued as her husband had obtained a divorce, had remarried and was missing in action. Mrs. Barr took in a boarder to augment her income.

A year and a half went by and, receiving no answer to her numerous letters, she decided her husband was dead and she married her boarder. A few days later Red Cross informed her that her husband was not dead. A couple of days still later in walked her husband. And following close behind the sergeant were two large packages of letters written to Mrs. Barr by her husband. Postal authorities blamed another mixup.

Sergeant Barr, who has 13 years service in the Army, is now on his way overseas once more. The boarder is just a boarder again.

Six Win Soldier's Medal for Rescue

WASHINGTON—Six American soldiers, who braved carbon monoxide gas to rescue injured civilians in Italy have been awarded the Soldiers' Medal. The War Department announced this week.

They succeeded in removing 11 dead and 21 injured from a Naples air raid shelter which received a direct hit before they themselves were overcome by gas and were removed to a hospital. The six men are Sgt. Frank R. Anderson, Minneapolis; Cpl. Melvin A. Lifset, Schenectady, N. Y.; Pfc. James F. Presson, Monroe, N. C.; Pfc. Kenneth L. Servant, Kingsford, Mich.; Pvt. Leland R. Gray, Syracuse, Nebr.; Pvt. Vito Saccente, Brooklyn.

THE RECENT stories of Japanese atrocities, as told by American officers, were broadcast widely over the Russian radio.

during every war of history take place daily in the shoeing shop. Not so often as it did in times past does the cavalryman's charger stand before the anvil, however. It is the unsung hero of mountain and jungle warfare, the mule, whose lifetime role in Italy and the southwest Pacific shows that in modern warfare the blacksmith is as important as he was when first a kingdom was lost for want of a horseshoe nail.

Any mule will tell you he can't go far without an occasional new pair of shoes, especially when the going is rough.

Stepping into the slight haze of smoke in the muleshoeing shop at Camp Carson, is to step backward in time. Hammers ring on the anvils and the warm smell of the animals, shifting restlessly, fills the air.

Modern Variations

But there are modern variations to the blacksmith art. The shoes of iron, now factory made, are measured, heated, cut, and shaped in much the same way that they have been for centuries, and yet, as the shoers of the 30th Veterinary General Hospital state, the Army method of shoeing an animal is a definite improvement over the traditional civilian customs. These modern mule-shoers strike the glowing iron and pare the hoof with as much skill as if there were no age of gasoline.

Looking up from an anvil where he was spreading a hot shoe, T/4 Iris C. Gockley of Ben Davis, Mo., head of the horseshoeing shop, explained that the army shoer must know the structure of the animal's hoof from coffin bone to dead horn. The animal, he went on, is always treated with science and persuasion. "It's just a question of which has the more brains, the man or the mule," he laughed.

Don't Burn a Seat

T/5 Gilbert E. Winkelman of Adair, Iowa, put down a mule's hoof and walked over, wiping his hands on a large leather apron. He pointed out that hot shoes, in the army, are never applied to the hoof in order to burn a "seat" to rest the iron upon. Instead, the dead bottom horn is cut away with a farrier's knife, then clipped with a hoof paper, and finally the hoof is filed smooth with a rasp so that the shoe will be level against the live horn. He picked up a hoof again to demonstrate, working skilfully with the knife.

The shoe itself is then made malleable in the hot coals of an electric-motored forced draft furnace. Pfc. Gene Blunk of Fort Dodge, Iowa, demonstrated. With tongs he pulled a glowing shoe from the fire. "Of course," he said, "There is a portable hand-powered draft furnace which we have for the field."

Next, the shoe is shaped on the anvil, cut to size on the Hardy, then it is applied to the hoof with more care than is usually given in the shoeshop fittings of human feet.

In civilian horseshoeing, Sergeant Gockley went on, the shoes are usually turned down at the heel in "calks," which provide cleats for traction, but the army horseshoer makes a flat base in order that the frog of the hoof may rest evenly on the ground. The firm contact stimulates better circulation in the animal's leg and eliminates many hoof diseases. Army mules are generally reshod every 30 days.



U. S. SOLDIERS begin to uncover a comrade who has been buried in the debris of a building hit by a bomb during a Nazi air attack in the Cerasuolo area, Italy.

—Signal Corps Photo.



NURSES in Italy share the difficulties of other soldiers and still manage to see the bright side of life. Here members of an evacuation hospital line up forchow. They are wearing the regulation coveralls issued for duty in such areas.

—Signal Corps Photo.

Wounded Officer Sticks To Post to Repair Radio

WASHINGTON—"Award of the Silver Star: . . . Raymond H. Sampson, Second Lieutenant, Signal Corps, United States Army, for gallantry in action at Rendova, New Georgia, on July 2, 1943. During one of the most severe enemy bombardments he courageously directed the repair of vital electrical equipment and made it available within 25 minutes after it had been put out of commission by enemy action despite a shell fragment injury to his leg."

Behind the concise terminology in the citation for award of the Silver Star to Lieutenant Sampson, of Ridgewood, Long Island, New York, is a story of outstanding courage, the War Department disclosed this week.

Eye Witness

Lt. Commander Edwin Harris Carrigan, U.S.N.R., of San Francisco, Cal., an eye witness to the incident and commanding officer of the unit to which Lieutenant Sampson was attached, describes what happened:

Lieutenant Sampson was attached to the unit as a radio technician and arrived at Rendova on the 30th of June, where he was in charge of one of the most vital pieces of electrical equipment in use at the time.

"During a raid on the afternoon of July 2, which was one of the most severe attacks made by the Japanese, resulting in heavy loss of life and many casualties Lieutenant Sampson was in charge of the set, assisted by Navy enlisted men and one Navy Ensign who was not a radio technician. Several bombs landed close to the set and a large portion of shrapnel put it out of condition. Lieutenant Sampson was severely wounded with a large sliver of shrapnel, which struck his leg, going completely through his thigh.

"Men on duty at the installation tried to evacuate him to a dressing station at the bottom of the hill, about two hundred yards away, but Lieutenant Sampson refused to go. Lying on the ground, in great pain, he insisted on staying in order to instruct the remaining uninjured Naval personnel and the engineering officer to repair the set. Because of his great courage, self control, clarity of instructions, and technical knowledge, the set was back on the air in 25 minutes.

Down Hill Alone

"It was not until he was assured that the set was in working condi-

tion that Lieutenant Sampson agreed to go to the dressing station, but even then he insisted on going alone and would not allow any men to accompany him or help him down the hill. He refused to allow them to leave their stations, realizing that, because of the heavy losses, every man counted.

"He crawled and rolled down the hill under his own power to get to the dressing station, and when he reached there he was more concerned about the equipment than his own condition, despite the obvious severity of his wounds."

Build Showers, Win Popularity

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY, ITALY—"There's nothing like a good hot shower—we hear!" was the sad lament of soldiers in an anti-aircraft unit on the Fifth Army front recently. Then two ambitious GIs in the unit did something about it.

Cpl. Frank Lovello, and Sgt. Michael F. LaVacca, both of Philadelphia, drivers in the battalion motor pool, worked full time for the better part of two weeks and improvised six shower heads, installed them in the motor pool building, and built a heating unit in an adjoining room.

Water is poured into a supply tank twice daily, and the fire is kept well stoked. The showers are said to be extremely satisfying, and LaVacca and Lovello have become two of the most popular men in their unit.

Puts Up Argument With General—Wins

AT THE BURMA FRONT—M/Sgt. Joseph Doyer, of Clementon, N. J., put up an argument with his commanding officer, Brig. Gen. Frank Merrill, to win a place in the raiding column operating in North Burma.

Doyer is 46, and a veteran of the last war when he fought with the Canadian Army, winning half a dozen British medals.

When training for the plunge into Burma was completed General Merrill ordered: "Sergeant Doyer will be assigned to the rear echelon. He's too old to go to the front."

Doyer stepped up to his general and said: "Sir, I can outwalk and outshoot you." He got his place in the advance force.

1777 Booby Trap Is Found in Delaware

PHILADELPHIA—Booby traps are not strictly a product of World War II as the Continental Army set one up here in 1777 to wreck British shipping.

The trap, called a stockade, was found by Army Engineers dredging the Delaware just off the New Jersey shore. A wooden crib, 30 feet long and 20 feet wide, it was weighted down with bowlers and fitted with long iron spikes just below the surface to pierce the hulls of wooden ships.

It's never been used, though, because a traitor tipped the Redcoats off about it.

Army's Heraldic Section Furnishes the Answers

By Frances James

WASHINGTON—It's really none of our affair but like a lot of you GI's, we've been wondering over just what new insignia Chief-of-Staff Gen. George Marshall will wear in the event he's named Marshal of the U. S. Armed Forces. There doesn't seem to be much left for him to wear—all the stars, bars, stripes, eagles, oak leaves and variations thereof being assigned to lesser officers.

It's all right, though. The Quartermaster Corps has the situation well in hand with a large civilian unit to take care of emergencies of this sort. If General Marshall is promoted, the Army's Heraldic section will be right there, ready to pin a freshly designed insignia on his shoulders.

Coat-of-Arms Specialist

Headed by Arthur E. Du Bois, this section has been turning out designs post haste ever since the war started. Mr. Du Bois, formerly a War Department draftsman with a yen for medieval coats-of-arms, is the nation's No. 1 authority on heraldry in its application to the military. This is fortunate, for his department must turn out emblems which symbolize an Army's unit history, have a high visibility, and yet not duplicate any insignae already in use.

Shoulder patches have been Mr. Du Bois' chief worry during this war with division after division being newly activated and branches which no one had ever dreamed of before being added to the service. The first shoulder patch was the spontaneous design—a black wildcat on a dark background—of the members of the 81st Division enroute to France in World War I. GI's in the 81st wear appliqued felt wildcats on their sleeves. Permission was granted them and other divisions soon followed suit and designed their own. Mr. Du Bois and his colleagues, however, have been responsible for most of those of World War II origin.

Disney Scores Assist

In the Air Corps, soldier designing is still going full blast. Half a dozen fields are currently offering prizes to GI's presenting the best designs for their particular field or corps, and designing squadron emblems is a never-ending occupation. With the aid of some of Walt Disney's ideas and designers, cartoons are taking the place of the older symbols stemming from medieval arts on the fuselage of planes.

Though the Continental Army opposed the Redcoats most of the officers in the American forces had received their military experience in the British Colonial Army and it was natural that they should borrow its designations of rank. The Rebels thumbed their noses at English hierarchy by dropping the top ranks,

lieutenant general, general, marshal, entirely.

The original orders for rank insignia from General George Washington read as follows:

"As the Continental Army has unfortunately no uniform, and consequently many inconveniences must arise from not being able to distinguish the commissioned officers from the privates, it is desired that some badge of distinction may be immediately provided; for instance, that the field officers may have red or pink-colored cockades in their hats, the captains yellow or buff, and the cubalterns, green. . . . The sergeants may be distinguished by an epaulette or stripe of red cloth sewed upon their right shoulder, the corporals by one of green."

Post Revolutionary

The actual symbols of rank now in use date from shortly after the Revolution, when brigadier and major generals were ordered to wear one and two stars on their epaulettes. Embroidered eagles for the epaulettes of colonels were prescribed in 1832, and limited in silver in 1851 when the lieutenant colonel's silver leaf and the major's gold leaf were also authorized. Bars for captain and first lieutenant did not change from gold to silver until 1872 and the rank of second lieutenant, marked with a single gold bar, was created during World War I. The last officer's rank established to date is that of chief and junior grade warrant officer, set up in January, 1942, with a gold and brown bar as insignae.



RULE No. 1 for Army PRO's: When things get slack find the tallest and shortest soldiers in camp, stand them side by side and take their picture—it's always good for a laugh. Usually it's good only for the waste basket, but we're forwarding this picture to you because we thought you'd be interested to know that WAC Pvt. Alice Dash is only 4 feet, 10 inches—two inches under the minimum. She got special consideration to get in the Army. Pvt. Jim Krumtinger is six feet, seven inches. Both are stationed at Camp Davis, N. C.

—AAA School PRO Photo.

AGF: The Week's News of the Army Ground Forces Straight from Headquarters in Washington

HEADQUARTERS, AGF—Maj. Gen. Albert W. Waldron, AUS, who won the Distinguished Service Cross and the Purple Heart as a result of front line activity during the Buna campaign, in which he was wounded, has been named Chief of the Ground Requirements Section at Headquarters, Army Ground Forces, under Lt. Gen. Lesley J. McNair.

General Waldron succeeds Brig. Gen. William F. Dean. The Requirements Section obtains information on the character of weapons and equipment, supervises tests of this material and recommends changes in existing technique of warfare based on development of material.

General Dean will receive a field assignment.

The second anniversary of the Army Ground Forces was reached this week. Army Ground Forces was established under Lt. Gen. Lesley J. McNair with headquarters at the

Army War College when the Army was reorganized on March 9, 1943.

The following officers reported for permanent duty at headquarters this week: Brig. Gen. Loyal M. Haynes, USA, unassigned; Lt. Col. Henry A. Harding, FA, to the G-3 Section; Maj. Gerald F. Banks, MC, to the Ground Medical Section, and Capt. Alfred P. Robertson, Inf, to the G-3 Section.

HEADQUARTERS, ANTI-AIRCRAFT COMMAND—Maj. Gen. Joseph A. Green, commanding general of the Anti-Aircraft Artillery Training Center at Camp Davis during the past week in connection with development and training matters.

Recently assigned to duty at headquarters, Anti-Aircraft Command, Col. Frederick L. Topping, Col. Frederick H. Fox, Col. Nelson B. Dingley III, and Col. James DeB. Malbach have been named to head separate anti-aircraft artillery proficiency teams, which have been organized to administer tests in AAA problems among units of AAA assigned to the Anti-Aircraft Command.

Maj. Guilford L. Mattern, who served with the Operations Division, who has been in the G-3 Section of the Anti-Aircraft Command since its activation, has been assigned to duty

at headquarters, Army Ground Forces.

ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY SCHOOL—Lt. Col. Alvin H. Gibula has assumed his new duties as assistant secretary of the Anti-Aircraft Artillery School at Camp Davis, N. C. It has been made known through Brig. Gen. Bryan L. Milburn, commandant, Colonel Cibula, formerly head of the Target Recognition section of the school, recently returned after serving at headquarters, Anti-Aircraft Command on temporary duty.

Under the new organization chart of the AAA school, many sections have been consolidated to form a more compact organization. Five departments are now listed in place of seven previously. Many of the functions of the eliminated departments are now covered by the remaining five, which are: Gun, Automatic Weapons, Searchlight and Electrical, Tactics and Automotive. The school regiment has taken the place of the school brigade. It now supervises the WAC detachment at the school, which is being increased. In addition, it is over the Enlisted Student Battalion, the Enlisted Overhead Battalion, the Officer Student Battalion and the Officer Candidate School Battalion.

Air War Over Anzio Looks Like a Fireworks Show

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY IN ITALY—In the skies above the Fifth Army's Anzio-Nettuno beachhead, Allied and Nazi flyers are staging one of the deadliest, most colorful shows on earth, say the doughboys battling through the mud thousands of feet below. Impressions that the bitterly-fighting foot soldiers get of the war raging above them are strong and graphic.

Ground troops have come to expect only occasional sorties into Allied-held territory by German planes during the daylight hours, although they are constantly on guard against sudden dive-bombing attacks out of the early morning sun. They credit with canopy of anti-aircraft fire thrown up by batteries afloat and on the shore with the fact that these raids are hurried

affairs, having little but nuisance value.

In contrast, they see supporting Allied aircraft sweep steadily toward the enemy's concentrations of strength and over communications lines. The Germans reply with ack-ack, too, but with apparently ineffective results.

"The real show starts at night," said one infantryman. "Jerry likes to do his raiding when a plane can be heard, but not seen. Out of nowhere, he'll come over the beach, but as soon as he does, the ship and shore ack-ack guns go into action."

"Orange-red tracers streak up in hundreds of criss-crossed lines. The roar of the guns is terrific, but you can hear the dull 'carump, carump' of the falling bombs, and see the flash of light as they hit."

All eyes turn skyward as Allied night fighters engage the enemy, horizontal streaks from their machine guns giving the only evidence of their presence, until those streaks become a huge burst of light, visible proof of the destruction of another enemy raider.

"Sometimes," a soldier said, "a plane won't fall immediately after it has been hit. It'll stagger across the sky, trailing sparks, until new flames break out, then come down and die in one tremendous explosion. It's fascinating, but horrible."

Tar's Chest Now Bears 'God Bless America'

NEW YORK, N. Y.—One now unhappy British tar spent his last night of shore leave in a Manhattan bar boasting that things were better in Britain. When he awoke the next morning with a hangover and a pain in his chest, he discovered he was tattooed with the United States flag and the words, "God Bless America."

Book Notes

"THE WOMAN IN THE PICTURE" by John August. (Little, Brown & Company, Boston. \$2.50.)

Mighty oaks from little acorns grow, and the most insignificant event may have nation-shaking consequences. Because a reporter from a famous picture-magazine photographed a small-town war industry, a presidential candidate was exposed and America saved from despotism. That is the beginning and end of "The Woman in the Picture." In between is a fast-moving tale of undercover politics, honest patriots, and sophisticated romance.

The woman in the picture is Marta Penfield, wife of the handsome, rich sportsman being groomed for the White House, idol of American woman. Marta had uncovered rattling skeletons in the Penfield-for-President plan. She managed to escape from a sanitarium where she had been put for safe keeping and, when the story opens, had found happiness working in a small Wisconsin town. When her small factory was photographed by "Spectacle," she was recognized in a group picture by Scott Warner, sparkplug of a political group fighting for a liberal America against the Penfield-for-President despots.

Scott Warner engineers a kidnapping of Marta. She must be produced before the incumbent senator dies and Penfield is appointed in his place. Avoiding the thugs of the opposite party, Scott and his lovely captive go on a wild jaunt across the Western states. She eludes him, only to fall into the clutches of her insane husband. Scott leaves no stone unturned to find her, not only because of the political importance, but because he has fallen deeply in love with her. By dint of his perseverance, the political plot is exposed, the guilty captured, Marta freed unharmed and ready to acknowledge her love for him.

A serial version of this novel first appeared in "Collier's." **"FOUR JILLS IN A JEEP"** by Carole Landis. (Random House, New York City. \$2.00.)

Carole Landis, Mitzl Mayfair, Kay Francis and Martha Ray are the four Jills. They toured the North African battle front, giving shows wherever two shelter-halves could be put up for a curtain. This is their story, written in a light, rollicking vein that takes you right along with the girls.

Aside from the hardships of tramping under almost impossible conditions, the girls survived an appendectomy, an infected tooth, a German bombing, a command performance before Queen Elizabeth and the strict supervision of a perpetually shocked American Army captain.

As every one knows, Carole fell madly in love in England, and despite hell, high water and the high command, got married with all the trappings of a church wedding, but no honeymoon.

Here is a gay, heartwarming book, written with deep sincerity and sympathy.

Hines Sees Rise In Needs of Vets

WASHINGTON—Brig. Gen. Frank T. Hines, chief of the Veterans' Administration, this week predicted before the House Appropriations Committee that veterans' hospitals will reach their peak load in 1975, when they will need 300,000 beds.

General Hines appeared before the committee to urge an appropriation of \$30,000,000 to provide 9,252 beds in government hospitals now, all but 200 intended for neuropsychiatric patients.

He estimated that 31 years from now 207,000 men in the present war and 91,400 from past conflicts would be under Veterans' Administration care.

Pointie-Talkie Helps Fliers Get Around

WITH THE 14th AIR FORCE IN CHINA—American fliers who've not had time to learn Chinese get around by using a pointie-talkie, a visual language book.

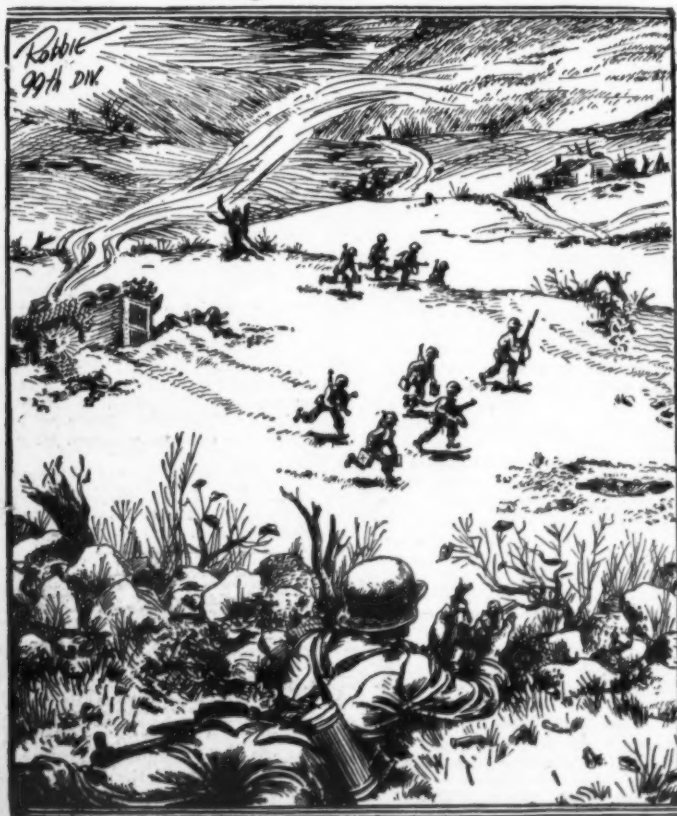
Full of common phrases written out in Chinese characters, the "speaker" merely points to the one he wants to use, as "I am an American helping China in its war of resistance and have been forced down here" or "Please tell the nearest guerrillas or Chinese troops that I am here."

Picture Puzzle Answers

(See Column 1)

- Both guns of the section should not displace forward at the same time. One should cover the other's advance.
- All members of the crew should not move at once, as these men are doing but alternately, in rushes.
- In the nearest crew, they are not advancing in the proper order. The man with the barrel is advancing first and the man with the tripod is last—which is wrong.
- The crew in the background is picking about the worst possible route of advance, the top of a ridge.

What's Wrong With This Picture?



—Courtesy The Checkerboard, Camp Maxey, Tex.

In Italy the Infantry fights its way forward, but not without the support of its light weapons. Here is a light machine gun section moving up to new positions. The men are committing errors that can prove extremely costly. Can you find their mistakes before looking in Column 3 for the answers?

'200 MM. Gun A Honey' General Campbell Says

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—"Our eight-inch, 200-mm. gun is a honey," said Maj. Gen. L. H. Campbell, Jr., Chief of Ordnance, in an address before the Milwaukee Post, Army Ordnance Association, this week, in which he gave some outstanding data regarding American artillery.

"It fires a round a minute to a range of 35,000 yards with a muzzle velocity of 2,950 foot-seconds. Its shells are either high-explosive or armor-piercing. It is one of the most powerful weapons the world over."

Praises "Long Tom"

General Campbell characterized the "Long Tom," the 155 mm. gun on high speed carriage, as "one of the most impressive and highly-revered pieces of heavy artillery now in the hands of our troops," and also "one of the most remarkable pieces of fighting equipment the world over. In spite of its low

overall weight of about 30,000 pounds," he went on, "it has a range of 25,000 yards, fires one round a minute, and has a muzzle velocity of 2,800 foot-seconds. It can be towed by a prime-mover at the speed of a truck. Its accuracy is so deadly that it is actually accredited with sharp-shooting on the Italian front."

General Campbell suggested that when Dr. Fritz Meske, of Berlin, broadcast recently on Allied artillery he probably had the "Long Tom" in mind. Meske said:

"The enemy's strength lies in his extremely extensive and variegated artillery. Whole batteries fire on every individual soldier or dispatch rider who shows himself, so that attacks and troop movements can hardly be made at all, except at night. Enemy artillery, often supported by heavy naval guns, covers with drum fire of World War dimensions every bit of the ground where the German main line is either found or believed to be. The whole district around Aprilia is covered by a milky smoke of shells. It is a hellish test for the nerves of the grenadiers. Our advance continues over the graves of our dear comrades in the fifth year of the war, as it did in the first. There can be no question that the fighting, on the southern front and in the Nettuno beachhead alike, has become harder to an extent which we have hardly experienced in the big battles in the east. What the enemy cannot reach with his artillery, he attacks with his very strong air force."

Packs Terrific Blow

General Campbell also referred to a third heavy artillery piece, the 240 mm. howitzer, "the largest mobile artillery in our service short of railway guns." The carriage of this mammoth gun travels in two sections on rubber-tired wagons. It has a range of more than 25,000 yards. It packs a terrific blow. "It is," he said, "one of the most accurate and most destructive weapons of siege warfare ever devised. It is the embodiment of our Ordnance principle of maximum fire power."

NEW KINKS

Jungle Demonstration

At Camp Grant, Ill., a one-act play demonstration utilizing a set-up of a battalion aid station in the jungle was put on for the trainees of the 26th Medical Training battalion to drive home the points the men studied in their classes on emergency medical treatment. Battle-scarred "casualties" either walked, or were carried in litters into the camouflaged setting. Their wounds appeared so real that they almost fooled some of the doctors who were watching the show. One important demonstration was that showing the use and administration of plasma. During the "show" the doctors and trainees worked on patients having a septic wound resulting from a scratch, a rifle-bullet crease from a Jap sniper, an abdominal wound, a jaw wound, a malaria patient and one with a fractured thigh and messy arterial bleeding.

Stratosphere Range

To learn more about how lack of oxygen and subzero weather such as is met in the stratosphere affect delicate firing mechanisms and the concussion of big guns a new testing range has been built at Elgin Field, Fla. Two huge steel cylinders and a concrete sand trap constitute the equipment. Two men equipped with oxygen masks will enter the main strato-chamber to operate the big guns. Temperature will be dropped from 70 degrees Fahrenheit to 70 degrees below zero and air pressure will be reduced to a partial vacuum of 2.2 pounds per square inch. In a concussion chamber, into which the muzzle of the gun projects, temperature will be maintained at 67 below zero. The two chambers will permit study of conditions which ordinarily could be observed only in high-altitude combat.

Numbers Help

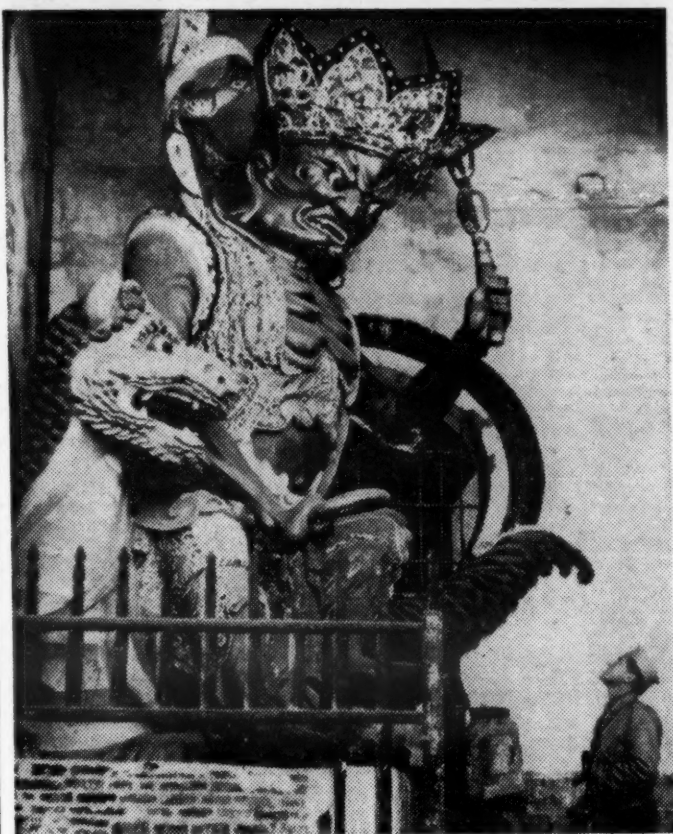
Numbered soldiers are used by the Troop Training Branch of Central Signal Corps School at Camp Crowder, Miss., to demonstrate extended order squad tactics. Each member of the squad wears a board, two feet by two and a half, with a white number on a black background. The narrator at a demonstration says: "Now the No. 3 and 4 men do this and this." Then the soldiers bearing the boards make the movement he describes. The idea makes it easier for assembled troops to follow the narrator's exposition of squad tactics.

Heats as It Cools

Air conditioning, which heats while it cools, now protects sensitive radio equipment in American battle areas, and may point the way to a new type of controlled indoor weather in peacetime. It is now used by both Army and Navy in shelters housing critical instruments. By actually reheating the air slightly after it has been chilled sufficiently to remove unwanted moisture the equipment maintains a constant 50 per cent humidity, though the climate outside may reach the moisture saturation point. It prevents the temperature falling too low by putting back into the air-conditioned space some of the heat units it has taken from the air. Automatic controls regulate the whole operation, turning on and shutting off the reheating coils to maintain an absolutely fixed ratio of temperature and humidity.

New Flashless Powder

Reports from the Cassino front indicate that the Germans have developed a new powder which gives practically no flash. This is a distinct advantage, particularly at night, when gun flames reveal the location of artillery in action.



SIGHTSEEING IN CHINA—Pvt. Victor Solow of New York City admires one of the two guardian gods of the Temple in the Western Hills, Hua Ting Sze, which is one of the largest and most influential Buddhist temples in Southwestern China. These symbolic statues have the function of keeping all evil spirits from the temple. —Signal Corps Photo.

Charges MPs Inactive When Servicemen Date Young Girls

WASHINGTON—The War and Navy Departments have promised immediate investigation of the charge that servicemen are wining and dining under-age girls, while MPs and SPs look on unconcernedly.

The charge was made before a Senate Committee by Judge W. H. Beckman, juvenile court judge of Miami, Fla. Upon hearing the testimony, Senator Ferguson of Michigan wrote identical letters to War Secretary Stimson and Navy Secretary Knox. This week he received replies.

Senator States Views

Senator Ferguson wrote in part: "Judge Beckman testified that the military police and the shore patrol fail to protect children of 16 or under from men in the services; that they are not interested in the fact that a man in the armed services is aiding delinquency; that a man may pick up a young girl, take her in and buy her intoxicating liquor, but just as long as the servicemen is not intoxicated, they did not interfere."

"I believe this to be a serious accusation and I thought I should write direct to you about this matter. It is very difficult for civilian officers to interfere with the servicemen and, therefore, it would appear to me that your particular officers should do everything within their power to protect our children. I think if they fail to do this, stern discipline should be exercised for their failure to do so."

Answering for Secretary Stimson, Maj. Gen. J. A. Ulio, adjutant general, merely said: "This matter is receiving consideration. You will receive further information on the subject from the Secretary of War at the earliest possible date."

Knox Is Shocked

But Secretary Knox was more forceful in his reply. He wrote: "I am shocked by the contents of your letter of February 26, and I shall take immediate steps to have an investigation made concerning the accuracy of the statement made by Judge Beckman."

"Certainly, if such conditions exist, our shore patrol ought to interfere whether the enlisted man is intoxicated or not. I suppose one of the difficulties is to tell whether the girl in the case is under age. You will appreciate the embarrassment which would result if we attempted to interfere in such a situation and it transpired later that the girl involved was over 16."

"However, I do wish to stop this thing if I can and I shall do all I can in that direction."

You Forget the Battle When You're Shooting It

WASHINGTON — One way to avoid battle qualms is to have an assignment photographing front-line action. "It keeps you totally oblivious of anything else," said Sgt. Donald Dexter, Army veteran photographer of El Alemein and Tunisia, now convalescing from a leg wound.

"I don't know why, but we found ourselves able to shoot pictures without realizing that we were being shot at. When we saw something that seemed like a picture we aimed our cameras and started shooting. Guess we were too busy to be frightened."

As proof of this, he pointed out that his leg had been shattered by a bomb which he "didn't notice" rolling under his jeep.

So far Sergeant Dexter hasn't seen any of his pictures and is looking forward to "Tunisian Victory," which he hears carries a lot of footage from his camera. After that, he wants to film the march into Berlin.

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Pickin' Up Papers

The "Journal" is the hard-working, matter-of-fact mouthpiece of the 95th Infantry, currently stationed at Indiantown Gap, Pa. Until last week a six-page monthly, its last issue brought it into the fold of four-page GI weeklies. From its format, we'd guess that the editors function best in the environment of a roll-top desk, a pot-bellied stove, and a shiny brass spittoon.

They scored a real scoop this week, though, in coming through with a Milton Caniff "Lace" pin-up, exclusive for the "Journal's" readers. While other khaki-clad journalists are mourning this beat, doughboys in the 95th will be equally wet around the gills drooling over the latest addition to their leg art galleries—the most undressed Lace we've seen so far.

Anniversaries and Such

Though we hate to chalk up our own birthdays, we're definitely in favor of GI publications having them because they bring out special issues to plaud or pan.

There are plaudits galore for this week's issue of the Sixth Air Force's "Caribbean Breeze," celebrating its third year of OD gags, features and news, by adding excellent lithography to its list of virtues.

Particularly impressive is the "Breeze's" color work. One, Cpl. Fred Press, is the artist responsible for a series of travel-poster-like covers depicting natives of the Caribbees. The February 28 issue is adorned with a group of bronze-skinned people staring straight out from the page, while they rest themselves, their pots, babies, and llamas on a strip of lettering which chortles "Pan-Americana, Pan-Americana."

A tale from the "Caribbean Knights" about the Sultan Snafushah is set forth on a sky-blue and crimson manuscript page. The center spread jumps into modern tempo, however, with a cartoon panorama of "The Awful Truth . . . life in the troops." Most of the awful truth seems to be that there is no escape from animals once one lands in the Caribbean area. There are monkeys stealing pin-up girls, GI's killing crocodiles and charming snakes, and mess sergeants frantically pursuing escaped porkers.

Two other special souvenir issues also appeared this week. San Marcos Field celebrated its first birthday by adding a rotogravure section to its "Asterope," replete with photos of the officers, the field, SMAFF heroes, and birthday items in general.

More on a college annual style was "This Is Camp Sibert, Ala.," gotten out by the camp's PRO, and designed to show Camp Sibert GI's friends and relations "how and where your soldier trains and eats and sleeps," and "to recall in the remoteness of reminiscence years the friendships he made" there. It is full of pictures for visual aids in telling Junior what Daddy did in the war.

Civilian Guards Replace Troops

CAMP EDWARDS, Mass.—Civilian are replacing troops here as building guards. The soldiers are being moved out to do overseas duty.

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CAMP SAN LUIS OBISPO, Calif.—When a sergeant collected \$129 for romping up the side of majestic Cerro Romauldo in record time he started something. Now a number of energetic fellows have entered a "Steepstakes." To the winners go War Bond prizes and a peak at the ocean on the other side of the mountain.

AMARILLO FIELD, Tex.—An electrifying 53 to 52 triumph over Texas Tech's Red Raiders gave Amarillo Field's undefeated Bombers a berth among the outstanding quintets in Texas and lifted them from obscurity into the basketball limelight.

SIoux FALLS, S. D.—The 20 pounds and 7 inches Sgt. Lou Kahn spotted A/C Orlan Ott, Ft. Worth, Tex., proved too much as Ott scored a TKO in the final 10 seconds of the last round of a Chicago Golden Gloves tournament quarter-final fight.

SCOTT FIELD, Ill.—In the 371st Technical School Squadron the basketball fans are the players and vice versa. The keen interest in basketball is the result of inter-barracks competition with almost every fellow getting to play a bit as well as cheer.

CAMP COOKE, Calif.—Although a victory string of 25 games had almost erased the memory of its single defeat the Camp Cooke cagers cleaned up its record by wiping out the one black mark with a 40-27 win over Camp Roberts. This 26th straight win gives the Cooke five a record of 28 wins in 29 starts.

SHEPPARD FIELD, Tex.—The 314th Squadron wears the Technical School basketball crown. What's more it wears it jauntily having conquered the 417th entry rather easily, 35 to 18, in the final game.

WILLIAM NORTHERN FIELD, Tenn.—"Max and Wacs" some enterprising photographer captioned a pix taken here. Rather cute—but not as cute as the WACs! Max Baer was the fourth party in the pix.

CAMP STEWART, Ga.—While the Southeastern championship team prepares for the Denver AAU tournament another Stewart five is competing in the Service and Industrial Teams Tournament at Brunswick. Looks like ease of not putting all the eggs in one basket.

KESSLER FIELD, Miss.—2nd Lt. Irving Resnick, Gulfport Field forward, has set some kind of a new record. He had six technical fouls called against him with Cpl. John McGurk making 50% of the shots. We wonder what the Lieutenant said!

FORT SHERIDAN, Ill.—Fort Sheridan baseball fans have April 1st circled on their calendars as on that day the Sheridan hardball season gets underway with a game against the Milwaukee Brewers.

CAMP LEE, Va.—The undefeated QM School basketball team, winner of 24 games, has been named the favorite to win the servicemen's tournament at Richmond. The second choice is the Richmond Air Base five.

CAMP BARKELEY, Tex.—A 12th Division sports fan got busy the other day and listed the accomplishments of his "home" teams. Listed were 1. One of the top boxing teams, with one boy fighting in the Chicago Golden Gloves; 2. Hardcourt five won the basketball tourney at Abilene; 3. Same ball club, which went to town last year at Camp Campbell. Fan Wilson concluded that the 12th ranks in the top ten divisions in the sports field.

FINNEY GENERAL HOSPITAL, Ga.—Lew Fonseca, director of promotion for the American Baseball League, stopped here on his tour of Army posts to entertain the patients. His program included a number of jokes, quiz contests and giving autographed bats and balls as prizes.

ENID FIELD, Okla.—Despite a so-so season's record the Enidals finished in a blaze of glory as they toppled the Phillips University Haymakers by a 52-42 score.



GRIFFITH'S DREAM TEAM
(L. to R.) White, Blue, Bentley, Bluege, Griffith, Johnson

Walter Reed Patients Meet Baseball Stars

WASHINGTON—"If the pages of time were turned back I could take the men seated on this stage and field the greatest ball club in Washington's history," Clark Griffith, president of the Washington Senators, told patients at Walter Reed Hospital, at a baseball show staged in cooperation with the Red Cross.

"At the rate we are losing ball players this season we might have to turn those pages back," the "Old Fox" said with a smile, and then seriously added, "We will have baseball this season if we have to use old timers and youngsters. We know you want the game and we intend to see that you get it."

The old-timers Mr. Griffith referred to were Walter "Big Train" Johnson, named the outstanding American League player in 1924; Jack Bentley, New York Giant's great pitching star; Joe Judge, Washington's great first baseman of 20 years ago; Nick Altrock, Chisox hurler, Washington coach and baseball clown; Ossie Bluege, smooth fielding Washington star and now Senator manager; "Doc" White, great Chisox hurler of 40 years ago; Sam Rice, Washington's top outfielder of the twenties, and Lou Blue, great Detroit first baseman.

Introduced by Russ Hodges, Mutual sportscaster, the great stars of yesteryears told the pajama-clad audience about diamond incidents of two, three and four decades ago.

While reminiscing about Altrock's pitching, Clark Griffith and Altrock got in a friendly argument about the date, the place and the score. "Just like the old days," Sam Rice cracked, "those two fellows never agreed on anything."

Baseball fans in the audience agreed, however, that Altrock deserved his title of baseball's funniest clown as he dug deep into his bag of stories.

"It was growing very dark in Detroit one day," Altrock related. "There were two down in the ninth inning. The Big Train was on the mound. Ruel walked out from behind the plate and said, 'Walter, that umpire is blind. You stick the ball in your hip pocket, wind up and pretend to pitch. I'll hit my glove and in this gloom maybe he'll think your fast one was just too fast to see.'"

"So Johnson stuck the ball in his pocket, went through the wind-up and threw toward the plate. Ruel hit his glove. The umpire said, 'strike three!'"

"The Detroit batter spun around

and shouted, 'I always thought you were blind and now I know it. That ball was a foot outside.'"

It was a baseball show from the time a policeman, garbed in a 1896 uniform, chased a couple of youngsters away from the knotholes on the stage fence until the end of the twelfth inning of the final 1924 World Series baseball game, played on a Larry Peck diamond-graph.

Free Coca-Colas, Planters peanuts and Raleigh cigarettes, compliments of the companies, were distributed by hawkers through the audience. There were prizes for the winners of a baseball contest. To the top quizster went a \$25 War Bond. Washington sports equipment stores gave baseballs autographed by the stars, and other prizes.

The show was sponsored by Red Cross, Mr. Peck and Army Times.

Game Replayed

The final game of the 1924 World Series, replayed on the diamond-graph, brought back many pleasant memories of yesterday's classic games. Walter Johnson, the winning pitcher, gave Washington a World Series crown. Jack Bentley, losing pitcher, was victim of a bad break as a ball hopped over the Giant's third baseman's head allowing the winning run to score from second.

The diamond-graph told the story, while the heroes and Walter Reed patients looked on. The strikes, hits and runs were shown as the teams fought bitterly through that seventh and final game.

"It's just like seeing a game from the box seat on the third base line," one patient commented as he watched the 20-year-old game on the diamond-graph.

To Hell With Babel

CAPE GLOUCESTER, New Britain—S/Sgt. Jeremiah A. O'Leary, Marine combat correspondent, reports that Japanese troops charged the Marine lines shouting:

"To hell with Babe Ruth!"

The charge was scored as an error. Thirty Japs were struck out.

In New York the "Babe took time out from his Red Cross drive work to remark:

"I hope every Jap that mentions my name gets shot—and to hell with Japs, anyway."



NICK ALTROCK COACHES AT THIRD
Walter Reed Patients Get A Laugh

Sports Pages Are Now Using 'Personal' Items

WASHINGTON—Metropolitan sports writers have taken a page out of the small town editors' book as they run columns of personal items on the activities of ball players.

The items all have a marked similarity. Joe Gordon has been ordered to report for physical examination. Jake Early will play ball until called into service. Dixie Walker was rejected for military service. Bill Baker was inducted. Bob Klinger has passed his physical.

To add a bit of variety to the "personal" columns are notes to the effect that Gus Mancuso has pegged his contract back to the Giants' office with a note asking for more dough.

Bagby on Strike

Jim Bagby of the Indians is on a strike, not for money, but against his boss, Lou Boudreau. A few bucks will probably smooth his ruffled feelings. Clark Griffith hopes his team finishes the race in the same position as signed contracts are coming in. He leads with 35 out of 38 in the fold.

Of far-reaching importance to young would-be ball players is the steady trend toward signing inexperienced players by many teams. Although many of the sandlotters haven't been given contracts, they will be taken to spring camps.

With the demand for ball players expected to increase rather than decrease as the baseball season progresses, any person rejected or discharged from the armed force has a good chance of signing a contract.

The response to the Army Times' request for the names and records of baseball players has been fair. Although most of the men will be playing on khaki-clad teams this season, their records have been forwarded to the proper officials.

Records Wanted

Two record forms have been re-

ceived from baseball players who have been discharged from service and their records have been sent to interested baseball clubs.

Any person who is not signed to an American or National League contract may find it to his advantage to get his name and playing record in the hands of the proper authorities. The lists of names will be used as players are discharged from service, either before or after the end of the war.

A card carrying the name and record of a ball player addressed to Army Times will be forwarded to interested parties from this office.

Forms Received

The records of the following ball players have been received to date: T/5 Adolph J. Matulis, Floyd Edwin Yount, Walter Laufranco, Camp Berkeley, Tex.; Joseph Pallano, Ft. Riley, Kans.; Pvt. George Lumb, Ft. Eustis, Va.; Milo Fahse, Watertown, Minn.; Frank Joseph Lombardi, Camp Lee, Va.

Raymond Wilhelm, Camp Lee, Va.; Glenn H. M. Warner, Ft. Custer, Mich.; Clarence A. Deome, Keesler Field, Miss.; Robert G. Lynch, Waco, Tex.; Andy Ducay, Jr., Camp Mackall, N. C.; Robert A. McKirahan, Buckley Field, Colo.; Robert M. Gombos, Camp Robinson, Ark.

Patrick J. O'Brien, Camp Stewart, Ga.; John Hubiak, Camp Maxey, Tex.; George B. Shaw, Nashville, Tenn.; Mario P. Errante, Hondo Field, Tex.; Robert Wise, Nashville, Tenn.; Marion L. Anderson, Ft. Jackson, S. C.; Sid Feins, Ft. Eustis, Va.

Henry Banach, St. Petersburg, Fla.; Joseph Bremer, Camp Shelby, Miss.; Joseph Filak, Camp Fannin, Tex.; Joseph Sabatella, Nashville, Tenn.; Ed Dunn, Aberdeen, Md.; Frank Pavlin, Jr., Camp Maxey, Tex.; Edward J. Kuhn, Camp Barkley, Tex.; Louis Weaver, Camp Hood, Tex.

Beau Jack and Montgomery's 'Meal Ticket' to Enter Army

WASHINGTON—"I'll miss Beau Jack as a meal ticket when he enters the Army," Bob Montgomery stated after counting the \$25,000 he collected for winning a split decision and the New York version of the lightweight crown from Jack.

Montgomery bounced back from the 63-second kayo he suffered at the hands of Bummy Davis to beat Jack and win the right to meet Sammy Angott for the other version of the lightweight crown.

The Montgomery-Jack tussles have been a regular Madison Square Garden feature for some time. The two fighters always put on a good show and the fans liked them. Montgomery has no objections to the regular billing—about \$75,000 has gone into the sock from the last three fights.

Perry-Banks Tussle

Washington, D. C., boxing is getting a shot in the arm as two better-than-average hometown boys, Aaron Perry and Billy Banks, tee off on each other in their search for greener pastures. Perry fought a preliminary in the Garden a month ago and left the critics talking about a "young lightweight Joe Louis." Banks may fancy Dan him into submission.

St. John's University of Brooklyn will start to defend its National Invitational Basketball title when it meets Bowling Green State University of Ohio in the opening round March 16. Other first-round games bring together DePaul University and Muhlenberg College, Kentucky and Utah, and Oklahoma A. & M. and Canisius.

Although no predictions have been made, the crystal ball gazers are muttering something about DePaul and Kentucky. The teams invited to the NIB were lucky. They were able to bring complete squads while other schools were unable to accept invitations because they didn't know how many men would be around by the time the meets got under way.

Army Stayed Undeclared

Although the attention has been focussed on college fives, when the final analysis is made of the year's play, service teams will be found dominating the sectional pictures. Army was the only major five to survive the season with an undefeated record.

Gilbert Dodds continues to run the mile at a fast enough pace to excite comments about a four-minute mile. If you take his best four quarter marks, 58.6, 58.3, 62.1 and 64.7, apply a little simple arithmetic, his total of 4:03.7 still doesn't touch Arne Andersson's world record 4:02.6.

At National League hockey goes into the home stretch, Montreal is looking over its shoulder at second-place Detroit. Chicago and Toronto are virtually tied for third, while

Boston is slipping closer to elimination from the play-offs. New York is deep in the cellar.

Cutler High School five of Illinois had no substitutes. In a rough game with Willisville, four Cutler men went out on fouls. As each Cutler man went out, Willisville withdrew a man. The final gun found two men on the floor.

Four Freedoms Booted Home By Eddie Arcaro

WASHINGTON—When Four Freedoms nosed out Sun Again in a driving finish for the Widener Challenge Cup it wasn't the horse but the jockey, Edie Arcaro, who received the crowd's ovation.

Hard-riding Arcaro has been called many names by the horse-players but when Four Freedoms came again to shake off the challenge of Sun Again the fans, even those who bet on the favored Sun Again, forgot their past grievances and cheered the clever jockey.

Second Longshot

It was the second horse in a week that Arcaro, who is riding hot, has booted home at long odds in a feature race. Arcaro had a leg up on Kentucky Derby candidate, Stir Up, in the Flamingo a week ago.

Four Freedoms paid \$17.30, \$4.20, \$3.30, with Sun Again paying \$3.00, \$2.70, and Alquest, \$3.60, in a race which had some of the better horses running. Others in the 12-horse field were Eurasian, Marriage, Twosies and Bollingbroke.

The Widener Cup went to Mr. Payne Whitney to keep as The Rymmer won the race two years ago, giving her permanent possession.

The Widener completed the Hialeah meet. Tropical Park started on Monday with Mar-Kell equalling the track record for six furlongs, 1:10, in the first major stake race.

With no outstanding favorites 148 3-year-olds have been named for the Kentucky Derby. Pukka Gin, Platter, Occupy, Stir Up, Olympic Zenith and Pensive have received a fair play in the winter books for the May 6 classic.

Eying the Fillies

Although only one filly has won the race, Regret in 1915, many players are eyeing Miss Kenneland, Twilight Tear, Durazna and Whirlabout.

With no Count Fleet or Bimelich to attract the horse players' attention the race is rated as the most wide-open affair in years. Long-shot horses have done very well this past winter season and already the hunch players are trying to figure who will start in the Derby as well as who will win it.

Fake Nazi Kept EMs At Claiborne On Alert

CAMP CLAIBORNE, La.—No Nazi at all but an expatriated German wearing the uniform of a U. S. Army private, was the soldier who for weeks kept men of the 84th Infantry division on the alert, to say nothing of the personal risks he undertook every time he ventured among Rallsplitter troops in his role as an escaped prisoner of war.

"Pvt. Hans F. Hoffman"—the name is fictitious to protect the man's family living in Germany—now has settled down to the much safer occupation of conducting classes on the identification of German Army uniforms and insignia. But, until most of the 84th wised up to the ruse, garrison life for Hoffman was one adventure after another.

Looked Like a Nazi

A stocky, black-haired son of bomb-scarred Cologne, he presented a solidly Nazi appearance when he crawled into his American-made German uniform. In this guise he would sneak furtively through trees and bushes where there were troops on field problems; or he would slip into a barracks, quickly close the door, lean against it and listen to hear if he was being pursued. Climax to his act was the look of fright he'd assume when he "discovered" soldiers in the room.

On one occasion he got himself caught by a group of 20 men who were erecting a big command post tent. He was instantly surrounded, and every one of his captors wielded a wooden mallet or a tent pole. One of the men who spoke a little German questioned Hoffman, was told that he had fled the prisoner of war camp. He said he had been a member of the Afrika Korps, had been captured in Tunisia. The Rallsplitters stripped him, found several letters written in German. This convinced them, and they started marching him to a collection station.

An hour and a half later they met a jeep with three MPs armed with rifles. There followed a jurisdictional dispute over which party should take the prisoner to headquarters. The MPs finally won out, but the interpreter and two of his buddies climbed aboard the overloaded jeep so they could be in on the finish. At headquarters, Brig. Gen. Alexander A. R. Bolling, assistant division commander, asked the MPs what they would have done if Hoffman made the wrong move. The MPs assured the general they would have shot him.

Where's Your Dog Tags?

Doing his best to keep a straight face, Capt. James C. Eaton, assistant G-2, questioned the private's guards about the capture and what they had learned from the prisoner. Finally, he turned to Hoffman, smiled broadly and inquired, "Private Hoffman, where are your dog tags?"

At other times Hoffman has discovered that even an unarmed soldier can be plenty rough in his treatment of anyone he suspects might be a German spy. Lurking around the repair shop of a motor pool one day, Hoffman was jumped by a wary soldier who grabbed his arm and twisted it behind his back. Every time the "Nazi" opened his mouth, the soldier would give his arm another twist.

Hoffman draws two definite conclusions from his work. No. 1: All soldiers seem to think if they speak English loud enough, the prisoner will understand, whether or not he

has a working knowledge of the language. No. 2: The average American soldier is stern and businesslike with an enemy but is also very kind.

Storming into a mess hall one day, Hoffman grabbed a bottle of vinegar on the pretext it might be alcohol, pointed to some bread and butter and exclaimed: "Brot! Butter!" The cooks promptly made him a sandwich. Another time he began trembling while he was being searched and his captors almost pleaded with him to stop it, assuring him he wouldn't be harmed.

Valuable Service

Lt. Col. Ralph L. Wolf, division G-2, believes Hoffman performed a valuable service. "One of the first requisites of any member of a combat intelligence team is to be able to observe quickly," he says. "Hoffman played a very vital part in that training. He's a good actor and by being a good actor was able to get in. We could judge just how much the men were on the ball as far as observation was concerned."

Best way to get along with Nazi prisoners, says Hoffman, is to learn three simple phrases: "Hands hoche," which means "hands up"; "halt" which means just that, although different in pronunciation; and "verwants" which is "forward."

At least once in his series of impersonations, Hoffman wished fervently that his captors had known a little German. Marching through the woods with a bayonet pointed at his back, he was given the command to halt. Hoffman, ever maintaining the pose as a German, pretended not to understand and kept on going. When the soldier jabbed the bayonet in his back, Hoffman feinted this to mean he was to walk faster. Bystanders could have witnessed the strange spectacle of an American soldier yelling for a Nazi soldier to halt and at the same time seemingly egging him on with a bayonet. If the bystanders didn't get the point, Hoffman did.

Captures 2, Kills Four, With Grenade

HEADQUARTERS, EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS—Pvt. Rocco J. Morea of Hoboken, N. J., thought his number was up during action in the Italian campaign, but a dud grenade wrote a happy ending to what might have been his obituary.

"It was in the Volturmo front, about 40 miles north of Naples," Morea said. "I was a rifle grenadier, supporting a bazooka team that was flanking a platoon of German tanks. The tanks were moving into line for an attack on our lines. I suddenly saw a Mark VI tank—the famous Tiger Tank—about 100 yards away."

"I set myself and let go. The grenade hit the tank and there was a terrific explosion. I yelled, 'I got it! I got it!' But I guess I yelled too soon. The tank took off again. I moved to a new position where the Germans could not spot me and fired three grenades. Two were duds and one penetrated the armor. The turret opened and six Germans jumped out. Just then one of the 'duds' exploded and knocked out four of them. The others threw in the towel."

"I marched the two Germans to the rear. I guess I could have kissed that sweet dud."



THIS WOMAN, a native of Kwajalein, one of the Marshall Islands, is shown receiving medical treatment from members of the Army force which captured the island from the Japs. —Signal Corps Photo.

Radio Roundup

Mutual Broadcasting Company continues to broadcast top-flight boxing matches from Madison Square Garden, when it brings the Al Davis-Beau Jack bout to listeners at 9 p. m. (CWT) Friday. The following week, the Allie Stolz-Tippy Larkin fight will be carried on the air, while the lightweight championship bout between Sammy Angott and Bob Montgomery will also be aired.

Classic is the story told by S/Sgt. James McNamara, USMC, who told Report to the Nation (CBS) listeners how a lot of Leathernecks were surprised in their sleep on an island in the South Pacific. The boys didn't bother to don anything but their helmets when the air raid alarm sounded. A bomb landed nearby and spread mud all over the place. McNamara made some pictures. And subsequently a lot of family newspapers back home printed pictures of "perfect examples of dotted camouflaged uniforms!"

Bunk Fatigue Programs (Monday, Mar. 13, through Saturday, Mar. 18, inclusive):

MBC (All times are CWT): Monday: 6:45 p. m., The Lion's Roar; 7:30 p. m., Sherlock Holmes; 9:30 p. m., Adventures of Bulldog Drummond; 11 p. m., Chicago Theatre of the Air. Tuesday: 7:30 p. m., Pick 'n Pat Time; 8:15 p. m., Believe It or Not; 10:45 p. m., Jimmy Joy's Orchestra. Wednesday: 7:30 p. m., Xavier Cugat; 10 p. m., The Answer Man. Thursday: 7:30 p. m., The Human Adventure; 8:30 p. m., The Treasure Hour of Song; 11:30 p. m., Ran Wilde's Orchestra. Friday: 7:30 p. m., Freedom of Opportunity; 8:30 p. m., Double or Nothing; 9 p. m., boxing—Al Davis vs. Beau Jack. Saturday: 7 p. m., Confidentially Yours; 9 p. m., The Sky Riders; 9:30 p. m., Mystery House; 11 p. m., until—Music and News.

NBC (All times are EWT): Monday: 7 p. m., Fred Waring; 8:30 p. m., The Voice of Firestone; 9:30 p. m., Dr. I. Q. Tuesday: 6:15 p. m., Serenade to America; 9 p. m., Mystery Theatre. Wednesday: 7:30 p. m., Caribbean Nights; 8 p. m., Mr. and Mrs. North; 10 p. m., Kay Kyser's College of Musical Knowledge. Thursday: 8 p. m., Maxwell House Coffee Time, with Frank Morgan; 9:30 p. m., Joan Davis-Jack Haley Show; 9:30 p. m., Bob Burns, the Arkansas Traveler. Friday: 7:30 p. m., Tropicana, musical show; 9 p. m., Waltz Time; 10:30 p. m., Colgate Sports Newsreel, with Bill Stern; 10 p. m., Amos 'n Andy. Saturday: 6:30 p. m., Three Suns Trio; 8 p. m., Able's Irish Rose; 10 p. m., Million Dollar Band.

Gun Blasts Open Doors

LONDON—Blasts from London's antiaircraft guns now are so heavy that they knock the locks off doors of the control room, blow the doors open and shake the blackout boards down. ATS girls have been given the job of keeping the doors closed and the boards up in addition to their regular duties.

Column Of Poets

The Tanker

The Air Corps gets the glory,
Field Artillery wins the fame,
A Tanker gets a bumpy ride
And bruises on his frame.

The Navy gets to see the world;
The Marines are first on hand
Then Tanker does the dirty work
And fights on Axis land.

No one sees how hard he works
To keep the Axis running
But thank these boys that we can
yell,
"Berlin, the Yanks are coming!"
By Pfc. Walter Stout
Camp Cooke, Calif., Clarion.

The Sniper

Pale moon shining.....The crest
of the hill
A shadow moves.....The night is
still;
Pale moon shining.....As you
think of home
The shadow moves.....so you're
not alone.

Pale moon shining.....Her hair
was like gold,
Dark cloud moving.....The breeze
blows cold,
Same moon shining.....Across Ohio
grain,
Pale moon shining.....That shad-
ow again.

Bright moon beams.....A flash in
the night,
Bright moon shining.....No shadow
in sight;
Pale moon shining.....There's death
on the hill;
In the pale moonlight.....The
shadow is still.

Sgt. Thomas S. Watson
Camp Campbell, Ky.,
Retreat to Taps.

We've Nipped Them

We've done nipped the Nipponese,
We've nipped them in the bud
And sunk their bloomin' battleships
And sent them to the mud,
Now we'll see how long it takes to
get to Tokyo.
Come on, let's all help—they're get-
ting set to go.

We've done nipped the Nipponese,
We've got them on the run,
We're grabbing all their islands
And lowering the rising sun.
Now we'll see how long it takes to
get to Tokyo;
Come on, pitch in, they're getting
set to go.

We've done nipped the Nipponese
By bombing Truk, it's true.
Let's all help, so there'll be victory
soon
For the Red, the White, and Blue.

Pfc. Arthur "Babe" Davis,
Sec. 1, MP Det.,
Camp Sibert, Ala.

(Pfc. Davis is a former pugilist,
now wrestling. In his days in the
ring, he fought Max and Buddy Baer
and John Henry Lewis.—Ed.)

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Army Quiz

1. American air and sea forces have been making repeated attacks on "important Jap naval bases" in the South Pacific. Which is the chief Japanese stronghold there?

- A. Guam?
B. Rabaul?
C. Wake Island?

2. How does the direction of the United Nations' invasion of Italy differ from previous historic attacks on Rome?

3. Sir Henry Maitland Wilson, recently appointed commander of the Allied Mediterranean forces, said that his front reached from the Pyrenees, on the Spanish border of France, to the Maritza river between Bulgaria and Turkey. Would you say that front measured—

- A. 700 miles?
B. 1,200 miles?
C. 3,400 miles?

4. The War Department announced last week that the new B-29 Superfortress bomber, with four Wright Cyclone engines, has twice the horsepower of the standard Fortress. Would you say that its horsepower is—

- A. 3,600?
B. 5,000?
C. 8,800?

5. Marshal Stalin is head of the Russian Army. Gen. Sir Alan Brooke was recently appointed field marshal of the British Army. George Washington was field marshal of the United States Army in the Revolutionary War. Is the last statement true or false?

6. The Germans have already made use of several of their boasted "secret" weapons. Can you name any of them?

7. Why do air crews call their life jackets "Mae Wests"?

- A. Because the wind usually carries them to the west?
B. Because Mae West donated the first one?
C. Because when inflated, they billow out in curves?

8. Big cats, Hellcats and Blackcats are all used by the Navy in

present-day operations. Can you describe them?

9. Last week American forces made attacks on the Admiralty Islands. Can you locate them?

10. The new jet-propulsion planes use propellers for its take-off? True? False?

(See "Quiz Answers," page 13.)

Confusing!

DREW FIELD, Fla.—AWUTC, 2nd Tng. Rgt. has a "Sergeant Major" Dean who isn't a sergeant major at all; and...

Before a recent promotion he was "Corporal Major" Dean; and...

Before that he usually threw the pay line into consternation by coming to a snappy salute and giving the usual "last name, rank and first name" as follows:

"Dean, Private, Major."
In fact, Major Dean—or rather, Sergeant Dean; no, it's Sergeant Major Dean; no... well, anyway—this guy Dean has had nothing but trouble ever since he got in the Army. And now that he's a sergeant (therefore, a "Sergeant Major" who isn't a Sergeant Major) it's going to be worse!

Cannoneer Defined

CAMP COOKE, Calif.—From an enlisted man of the Eleventh Armored Division's 491st Armored Field Artillery Battalion came this definition of the artillery's most prized article—the cannoneer:

"A good cannoneer is raised as beer and goes through the perambulator stage on a calisson. He can digest cosmoline on toast at the age of three. He uses recoil oil on his hair and bathes in cleaning solvent."

"He combs his hair with a horse brush, uses rust preventive for his hands soft. He shaves with a putty knife and rids himself of athlete's foot by soaking his feet in soda ash, socks and all. He gets up early, works late, can walk and talk in his sleep and imitate the voices of any two buddies, when he's answering "Here" for them at reveille. "That's a good cannoneer."

The Mess Line

I wish I were a parrot,
So I could have my say;
I bet I'd cuss the sergeant out
A million times a day.

BUT

I'm just a little private.
So cussing I will skip
And when he beats his gums at me,
I'll button up my lip.

Pvt. Paul Matthews
Camp Grant, Ill.

Asked the landlady showing her dingy furnished room to a GI, "As a whole this is quite a nice, room, isn't it?"

"Yes, mam. But as a bedroom, it's no good."

"Give me a little kiss," he said,
"And I'll take you for a ride."
She put her arms around his neck

And complied

And complied

And complied.

"How's your patient, captain?"
"Coming along nicely. This morning he took a turn for the nurse."

"Hello, is this the beauty shop?"

"Yes."

"Well, send over a couple right away."



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SOLDIER SHOWS

"Give me a thousand men who are entertained, rather than ten thousand who have had no entertainment." General John J. Pershing.

In this column the entertainment section of the Special Services Division contributes items on soldier shows which are in some way interesting or outstanding. Perhaps, in these items you may find a suggestion which will be helpful to you in producing your show.

"OFF WE GO—AND HOW!"

WENDOVER FIELD, Utah, came into the limelight last week with one of the best GI variety productions ever to kick dust into the footlights. Fomer stars of stage, screen and radio now in Uncle Sam's Army sparkled through the playbill of "Off We Go." Off they went, indeed, on a two-hour toot of dancing, singing, comedy turns, ad infinitum. A hillbilly quartet, a latrine trio, a one-act skit, "Pack Up Your Troubles," uncovered histrionic and musical talents of no mean ability.

Femmes in the cast? Huh! Huh! There they were, recruited from the PX staff and the GI Janes (WACS to our civilian friends). They not only added piquancy to the show but they performed not one whit less professionally than the most professional strutting his stuff under the spotlight.

GI LOONIES AND LOVELIES!

The uproarious musical revue, "Let's Take Off," took off from Welly Field, Tex., and toured military posts in the San Antonio area after a triumphant two-weeks' run at its home base. Kelly kids in khaki did the complete show plus the feminine influence of some local beauties and a couple of far-from-wacky WACS. Top-notch numbers: "If I Were a Company Commander," "A GI's Dream of the Military

Utopia," "Waiting for a Live One," "On Guard," "Impressions of Army Life." GI loonies and lovelies got a great kick out of the show. So did others in the audience, if you please!

HOOD'S COMING ALONG...

We'll be telling you about Camp Hood's (Texas) all-camp show before many moons. It's in the offing and the Special Service Office is signing up singers, dancers, musicians, song writers, play writers, directors, electricians for Variety with a capital V...

MORE GI VARIETY...

ROSECRANS FIELD (Ferrying Division, ATC)—Rec Hall took a terrific torrent of applause for the entirely original soldier-show, "Of All Things," produced there recently. GI's at the field wrote the scripts, planned the lighting effects, improvised the scenery, sang the songs, played the parts and took all the bows. And to top it all off, the Special Service Office passed out 100 passes to fellows to bring their gal friends. Lines formed to the right!

OVER THERE

"THREE JOES IN A JAM." A WAC-EM musical comedy featuring a GI Jane chorus and seven songs written by soldiers gave a top-notch opening performance at a military installation in England recently. A second performance later in the week at the Red Cross' Rainbow Corner packed 'em in.

CORNER TIPS

Doing your own show and need some ideas for making costumes? Here you are: For a MILITARY costume, take one pair of white mess trousers and a khaki skirt. Add to it a cross-belt of white cardboard atop a red crepe paper sash; epaulettes and cuffs of red with a dash of fringed paper to give spice. To a cardboard hat covered with red add a stick-up wound with red, white and blue shredded crepe paper two inches wide and an emblem covered with gold paper or painted with gilt paint. White M. P. gloves will give

dash to the outfit.

Need a RHUMBA costume? Very simple. Given one GI, tuck a white mess coat into his GI breeches. Pin ruffles of crepe paper to the sleeves; make an ascot and sash of contrasting colored crepe paper. Presto, he's ready to go into his dance and (we hope) lay 'em in the aisles!

Do You Know Any of These?

THE LOCATORS have requests for the addresses of the following officers' wives. Send any that you know to Box 537, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

Mrs. Frank A. Allen (Brig. Gen.).
Mrs. Carleton Bond (Col., AC).
Mrs. Louis Carter (Col., deceased).
Mrs. John Chandler (Bert).
Mrs. Louis W. de Lesdernier (Jane) (Lt. Col., FA).
Mrs. James G. Devine (Col. ? CA).
Mrs. John Lindley Gammell (Marie) (Mrs. John F. Camber (Maj.)).
Mrs. Jesse Lewis Gibney (Helen) (Col., FA).
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Mrs. Francis E. Howard (Maj., Inf.).
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Mrs. Jarrett M. Huddleston (Helen) (Col., MC).
Mrs. Chas. H. Jones (Rose Clark) (Col., Inf.).
Mrs. John Jones (Helen Montgomery) (Col., Inf.).
Mrs. Hans E. Klopfer (Nancy) (Col., Cav.).
Mrs. Edwin T. May (Marjorie) (Col., Inf.).
Mrs. Phillip H. Pope (Jane S.) (Lt. Col., FA).
Mrs. Geo. Rayer (Hazel) (Col., MC).
Mrs. Jack Rowley (Capt.).
Mrs. Joseph R. Sarnoski (Lt., AC).
Mrs. Beverly E. Smith (Mary) (Col. ? MC).
Mrs. Chas. E. Woodruff, Jr. (Lt. Col., Inf.). (T.D.).
Mrs. Vernon G. Olmsted (Alma) (Brig. Gen.) (last known: R.F.D. Widdling Lane, Media, Pa.).

Quiz Answers

(See "Army Quiz," page 14.)

1. B.
2. The present Allied invasion is working toward Rome from the South. The Carthaginians under Hannibal, the Goths and Vandals, and the French under Napoleon all entered Italy from the North.
3. B. 1,200 miles from the east end of the Pyrenees.
4. C.
5. False. The Army of the United States has never appointed a Field Marshal.
6. The rocket-powered, controlled torpedo; the radio-controlled tank; the rocket-powered plane.
7. C.
8. The Bigcat is an all-purpose tractor or bulldozer. The Hellcat is a single-motored fighter plane. The Black Cat is a patrol bomber.
9. The Admiralty Islands are directly north of Central New Guinea, forming the northern tip of the Bismarck archipelago.
10. False. The current War Department statement on Air Force planes says, "No propellers," in describing the jet-propulsion plane.

First 'Suggestion' Award Presented at Pentagon

WASHINGTON—The first Victory Suggestion Award, the highest honor to be given civilian employees of the War Department for suggestions to speed the winning of the war, was presented to Dayton R. Ludwig, of Pitman, N. J., by Lt. Gen. Brehon, Somervell in a ceremony at the Pentagon this week.

Mr. Ludwig is an assistant transportation specialist in the Traffic Control Division, Army Service Corps. Last August he devised a method for loading a large shipment of anti-aircraft guns which took only half as many flat cars as had previously been necessary and saved more than \$7,000 on the shipment. As a result of his idea a 50 per cent reduction has been made in the use of critically needed cars for heavy gun shipments, and the government is being saved an estimated \$1,000,000 annually.

Mr. Ludwig's suggestion is one of 47,795 received by the War Department under the Ideas for Victory program, up to the end of December, 1943. 2,676 of these were adopted.

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Procedure in Selecting ASTP Men Announced By WD

WASHINGTON—Procedures governing the selection of medical dental and veterinary trainees, who will continue to receive college instruction as part of the Army Specialized Training Program, were announced by the War Department this week.

In order to meet needs for combat troops the War Department will abandon much of its college-training program after April 1. Most of the GI students who will be kept in school will be in the above three fields or in advanced engineering. Procedures governing the retention of trainees in engineering and in foreign area and language studies are still in consideration.

Reserve Program Expanded
It was also announced this week that the Army intends to expand its ASTP reserve program, by which pre-draft age boys are given college training.

Enlisted men now assigned to the Army Specialized Training Program for instruction in medicine, dentistry and veterinary medicine will be continued in the program. Also, ASTP soldiers currently enrolled in pre-professional courses will be continued in those studies and, upon successful completion of that work, will be advanced to the medical or dental phase of the program.

Enlisted Men Assigned

Assignment to training in medicine and dentistry in the ASTP for the remainder of the year will be made from among enlisted men who prior to April 1, 1944, have been accepted for 1944 classes in contracting medical and dental schools.

Civilians now in medical or dental schools and those who have been accepted for a 1944 class in an accredited medical or dental school but who did not receive a call for induction prior to March 1, 1944, will not be assigned for ASTP training in medicine or dentistry.

Selection for preprofessional and subsequent professional training in medicine and dentistry will be restricted to soldiers who have completed their basic military training and have accomplished one of the following:

1. Passed an aptitude test for medical profession upon successful completion of Term 2 or Term 3 in the Army Specialized Training Reserve Program.

2. Received a satisfactory score in the Army-Navy (A-12, V-12) College Qualifying Test (men in this group must have satisfactorily completed at least a year of premedical or pre-dental studies as civilians).

Priority will be given in the order as outlined. Any additional vacancies may be filled by soldiers selected on the basis of their proved abilities and academic background.

COMBAT PAY

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official distinction between the dog-face lying for days and nights under constant mortar fire on an Italian hill, and the headquarters clerk living comfortably in a hotel in Rio de Janeiro.

Difference

"Their two worlds are so far apart the human mind can barely grasp the magnitude of the difference. One lives like a beast and dies in great numbers. The other is merely working away from home. Both are doing necessary jobs, but it seems to me the actual warrior deserves something to set him apart. And medals are not enough.

"When I was at the front the last time several infantry officers brought up this same suggestion. They say combat pay would mean a lot to the fighting man. It would put him into a proud category and make him feel that somebody appreciates what he endures.

"Obviously no soldier would ever go into combat just to get extra 'fight pay.' That isn't the point. There is not enough money in the world to pay any single individual his due for battle suffering.

"But it would put a mark of distinction on him, a recognition that his miserable job was a royal one and that the rest of us were aware of it."

Compromise Bill May Allow Few to Vote

WASHINGTON—President Roosevelt may veto the compromise soldier vote bill on the grounds that fewer servicemen could vote under it than under existing law.

Several of his aides this week said that they will probably urge him to veto the compromise, which restricts the use of Federal ballots to soldiers overseas, and then only if state legislatures approve.

At a press conference, the President said that he hasn't made up his mind yet, but that he will apply only one yardstick—will the bill permit more soldiers to vote?

Won't Help Soldiers

Senators Green, Democrat, Rhode Island, and Hatch, Democrat, New Mexico, two ardent advocates of the Federal ballot plan say that it won't because it repeals existing statutes which eliminate state poll tax and registration requirements for servicemen casting state absentee ballots.

But Senator Worley, Democrat, Texas, another Federal ballot backer, said he was opposed to a veto because the compromise was the best that could be obtained. Worley agreed, however, that if the states don't act to improve their own absentee voting machinery and approve last resort use of the Federal ballot overseas, "darn few soldiers are going to vote."

Senator Rankin, Democrat, Missouri, violent opponent of the Federal ballot, was jubilant as he announced "We got what we wanted."

Bill Provides

The bill as it was finally accepted by the conferees and which will now go to Congress for approval, provides:

All servicemen in continental U. S. except those from New Mexico and Kentucky which have no absentee ballot laws, must use regular state ballots if they wish to vote. Postcard applications will be supplied as last year.

Federal ballots may be used overseas if these conditions are met—(1) The serviceman swears he applied for a state ballot by September 1 and (2) he didn't get it by October 1; (3) The governor of his state has certified that the Federal ballot is "authorized" by state law.

Use of the term "authorized" is interpreted to mean that all state legislatures, except that of California, which has already agreed to accept whatever Congress decides, will have to be called into session to approve the use of the Federal ballot.

Meanwhile, Governor Dewey of

New York, potential presidential candidate, made his first public pronouncement on a major national issue. Significantly it was the soldier vote question which was Dewey's choice.

The New York governor lashed out at the Federal ballot plan, calling it a "blank piece of paper." Dewey advanced a three-point plan of voting for New York members of the armed forces. Dewey's plan:

1. New York servicemen should send their names, home and service addresses to New York's secretary of state.
2. The State War Ballot Commission will forward the information to local election boards, which will mail small but complete ballots to voters in self-addressed return envelopes.
3. The returned ballots will be forwarded to the local election officials by the State War Ballot Commission.

Women's Groups Aid Servicemen

WASHINGTON—Establishment of women's volunteer committees at Army posts, camps and stations to aid servicemen and their dependents in solving personal problems, was announced this week by the War Department. The committees will be under the direction of the Personal Affairs Division, Army Service Forces.

The committees, made up of wives, mothers and sisters of Army personnel, will advise servicemen and ex-servicemen and their dependents and survivors as to types of assistance and benefits to which they are entitled. Committee members will maintain liaison with the Red Cross and similar organizations in handling problems of health, welfare, allotments and hospitalization. They will greet new arrivals and will assist them in finding their place in the local war effort.

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his heavy ships." He suggested that the Japs have probably withdrawn their heavy warships from Truk because they could not be refueled and supplied at that base.

"My idea," he said, "it that they are preserving their fleet as long as possible." Commenting on the Jap air fleet he said that the Japs are probably able to replace planes as rapidly as we destroy them and will probably be able to maintain this production for some time. But he added that "the Japanese naval air force at least has passed its peak."

Japanese radio reports to their own centers admit that the presence of American forces has made the matter of transport in the South Pacific "infinitely difficult," and state frankly that supplies must be carried by small wooden ships which sneak in and out among the islands.

Moving Forward in Burma

Notable progress has been made in Burma during the week by a combined American-Chinese force under Lt. Gen. Joseph Stilwell. The new Ledo Road, which is to take the place of a section of the famed Burma Road in carrying supplies into China, is well advanced, but can only be utilized by driving the Japs from Northern Burma. Early this week Walawabum, a strategic point in Upper Burma, was isolated by American forces, who cut the enemy's main lines of communication with other Jap forces to the West and North and are rapidly closing the jaws of a trap. American and Chinese troops have penetrated more than 100 miles into Burma but are still 200 miles from the point where the new Ledo road can link up with the old Burma road to Chungking.